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## A historic day

*Northwest lays claim to second Quality Award on same day that Regents approve renovations*

By MARK HORNICKE  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

For the second time in as many attempts, Northwest is a winner of the Missouri Quality Award.

"It provides us with information to continue to improve and that's our reason for doing it," University President Dean Hubbard told the Board of Regents Thursday. "It's an enormous compliment to our faculty and staff for all their hard work."

The award reflects an effort to strive for excellence, Provost Taylor Barnes said.

"It affirms we have the right processes in place to serve our students and stakeholders in the best way possible," Barnes said. "Our faculty and staff have focused their efforts on achieving excellence in everything they do, and this hard work has been recognized through a rigorous review process."

Nine quality examiners spent the first week of October on the Northwest campus observing and interviewing about 200 people. They spent an average of 300 hours examining Northwest's application and then produced a report that represents more than 800 hours of work.

"We had a tremendous team that came here," Hubbard said. "These were the best people in the state of Missouri in terms of understanding quality."

In the report, Northwest was given feedback on strengths and weaknesses the examiners found.

The report cites a strong focus on students at all levels of Northwest. The report also states that "throughout the faculty and staff, continuous improvement, helping each other, innovation and empowerment have become rooted in the culture. There is a strong sense that faculty, staff, partners and students are an extended family with a high degree of valuing each other."

Other strengths cited in the report include state-of-the-art facilities, use of the Baldrige Criteria as an alternative accreditation format and distributed

decision making in the leadership system.

The report offers three main opportunities for improvement including a high turnover due to retirements and human resources development.

The third area for improvement states that teams are actively engaged in improving processes throughout the University, but "approaches to many of

initiatives and activities are deployed in a 'shotgun' manner."

"They're basically saying we have a lot going on, but maybe we need to take a more rigorous approach in prioritizing things," Hubbard said.

Northwest is one of three organizations to win this year's award, but the only educational institution.

After first winning the Quality Award in 1997, Northwest could not apply again until this year. In doing so, the University also became just the second institution to win the

award twice.

Gov. Bob Holden will present the awards during a celebration Dec. 13 in St. Louis.

"I would expect this will probably be a huge event, maybe more than when it was in Jefferson City (in 1997)," said Ken White, vice president for communications and marketing. "The St. Louis business community really backs the Quality Award."

The award is a cooperative business, academic, labor, government and healthcare initiative designed to promote quality awareness throughout Missouri.

It is presented annually to recognize Missouri organizations that achieve performance excellence. It was founded to encourage organizations to be better prepared to compete in a global economy.

Barnes said there is one key to Northwest's success as an institution—high quality faculty, staff and students.

"We are truly a learning organization, continually improving our University and ourselves," Barnes said. "Everyone's commitment to serving students and helping each other made winning this award a reality."



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Northwest's 1997 Missouri Quality Award sits alone in the Administration building, but another one will join it in December.



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Maryville resident Billy Hogue, who is a Vietnam veteran of the 213 Assault Helicopter Company, takes part in the Veterans Day ceremony on the square Monday. At the closing of the event, the National Guard honored 14 local veterans who served in World War II with a certificate and a medallion.

## Local residents salute veterans

By KARA SWINK  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Tear-stained cheeks crowded around the steps of the Nodaway County Courthouse Monday to remember fallen loved ones of war and to pay respect to veterans who have served.

"I thought the ceremony was great," said Maryville resident Bernice Wohlford. "We all need to pay closer attention to our patriotism and what we can do to help our country."

The ceremony started with Commander Richard Flanagan welcoming guests to the 201st Veterans Day observation.

Flanagan, who described himself as an American of Irish descent, said he was proud to be an American veteran.

During the ceremony, the ROTC and National Guard presented the posting of the colors, followed by the Maryville High School band performing the national anthem, and the crowd saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

A memory wreath was placed in front of the memorial honoring 197 soldiers of

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ROBERT COLVILLE  
LOCAL RESIDENT

Nodaway County who lost their lives during the Civil War and the Vietnam War.

Local resident Robert Colville discussed the events of Sept. 11 with veterans and those in attendance and shared a speech written by the National Office of the American Legion.

"This is no ordinary Veterans Day, there is

no doubt that the events of Sept. 11 are still close to our heart as we continue to mourn for our fallen and their families," Colville said. "There is also no doubt that many are praying for loved ones who have been called to active duty and also there is no doubt that America and all of its veterans stand behind those young men."

Colville also spoke about something close to his heart—his son was called to duty. Colville said he had never been the one left behind to worry and wonder.

Americans have gained a reminder of the importance of veterans in light of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"After the events of Sept. 11, it makes people more aware of honoring veterans, and I think we are more conscious of it since the attack," said Maryville resident Virginia Pivral.

The National Guard honored 14 local veterans after the ceremony with a certificate and a medallion for those who served during World War II.

## Regents recognize former Board presidents, approve Rickenbrode Stadium renovations

By MARJIE KOSMAN  
MANAGING EDITOR

On the same day that Northwest learned it would be awarded its second Missouri Quality Award, the University's Board of Regents took another step toward improvement Thursday.

The Board approved plans to renovate the west side of Rickenbrode Stadium. The \$5 million plan includes a new grandstand, pressbox and luxury suites.

"This is a great day in the history of Northwest," University President Dean Hubbard said. "And the timing couldn't be better. This shows that even though the economy may be slowing down, we are not. We are moving forward."

Two former Board presidents were also honored at Thursday's meeting.

For their service on the Board, Bob Loch and Frank Strong each received a plaque and a wooden rocking chair with Northwest's seal engraved on the back.

"I enjoyed being on the Board," Strong said. "It kind of became a labor of love after awhile. I feel comfortable that the Board is in good hands."

Strong served as a member of the Board of Regents from 1995 to 2001, acting as president for the last year of his term. Loch also served six years, from 1995 to 2001, and as president from 1999 to 2000.

"I know Bob Loch has given his heart



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Former Board of Regents President Frank Strong receives a plaque from University President Dean Hubbard during Thursday's board meeting. Strong was recognized for his contributions from 1995 up to this fall when he completed his term.

and soul to this community in so many ways," Regent Janet Marriott said.

Along with honoring former members, the Board also discussed expanding its membership. The seven current members of the Board are all from northwest Missouri and in an effort to gain diverse opinions, the Board decided to add two members from outside the area. The decision must now be approved by the Board of Higher Education and then through legislature.

The Board also voted to change the name of the auditorium at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center to the Mary Linn Auditorium at The Performing Arts Center. The change is more reflective of the gift that built the auditorium, said Lance Burchett, vice president for University advancement.

The Board will have its next meeting Dec. 13 in St. Louis at a banquet honoring Northwest and other Missouri Quality Award winners.

## Actors produce improvisational show for third year

By SCOTT PHILLIPS  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Now in its third year, Improv A La Mode is performing this week in the Black Box at the Performing Arts Center.

The group performed Wednesday night and will perform again at 7:30 Thursday. Tickets are \$2 at the door and are available on a first-come first-serve basis.

The group includes six actors split into two teams, but competition never comes into play.

"It's not about competing, it's about making the other person look good. If everyone is trying to make each other look good, everyone wins," theater major Sage Kimbrough said.

A Spanish theme was chosen to spice up the show. The group opened the show with a Ricky Martin number and continued with Gloria Estefan for intermission entertainment. Each group of three sports its own Spanish name.

Kimbrough said the experience she has gained as part of the group has been invaluable.

"It helps me keep on my feet," she said. "It helps me come up with witty comments and also helps focus in on the moment, in whatever I'm doing, backstage or onstage."

However, theater majors are not the only ones who can gain from experience in impro-

visation.

Education major Jeff Tempel joined the group this semester and has gained experience that covers his chosen career path.

"I want to be a teacher and A La Mode helps me be able to be more relaxed in front of people and at the same time be able to come up with something at the drop of a hat," Tempel said.

Tempel said being the only non-theater member of the group is not awkward.

"At first, I thought it would be weird," Tempel said. "But they made me feel at home, like I was one of the group. However, you miss out on a lot of the inside jokes."

## Maryville shows need for housing

By ABBY SIMONS  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

As Maryville continues to flourish both in population and economics, its need for adequate housing has grown.

Because of this growth, Nodaway County Economic Development has developed a study to determine the need for affordable housing in Maryville, as well as in Burlington Junction and Ravenwood.

Doug Sutton, chairman of NCED, explained the need for housing has been an issue for some time.

"NCED began looking at housing earlier this year after a group of community leaders identified a lack of affordable or entry-level housing," Sutton said.

Sutton said NCED would conduct fact-based research to guide the local housing process to meet needs.

The research was performed by the Community Housing Assessment Team to identify the perceived need compared to real need for housing. The team consists of resources from St. Joseph Light and Power/EnergyOne, state and regional groups and businesses and civic leaders of Nodaway County. CHAT was assisted by Mary Shukert of Crose Gardner Shukert of Omaha, Neb., a community planning and development consulting firm work-

ing primarily in the Midwest.

Area tours were given Monday to begin the assessment. Focus groups, involving representatives from businesses, schools, local governments and assorted organizations met Tuesday. They discussed price and availability of rental housing and affordability of entry-level housing to purchase, as well as other issues.

A final draft of the study was presented to the focus groups at The Hangar Wednesday.

Shukert said from CHAT's findings, there would most likely be a need for housing in Maryville, based on current income distribution and the population of students at Northwest. Shukert also said housing should be added to keep Maryville's industrial employees at Kawasaki and Energizer in the community, as opposed to having them commute.

"The key to this is that the houses should be moderately priced," Shukert said.

Shukert also recommended improvements that could be made in areas where many homes are rented, such as higher standards for landlords to upkeep the property, or to form quality quotas for neighborhoods to meet.

Shukert said Maryville should add approximately 400 units of housing and Burlington Junction and Ravenwood need approximately 50 more units between the two communities to meet adequate housing needs.

## R-E-S-P-E-C-T



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Family and consumer sciences major Patrice Casey (left) and friends karaoke to the song "Respect" Wednesday in the Student Union. Preferred Entertainment, from Utica, Ky., was brought to Northwest by Campus Activities and Spotlight.

## Cultural issues examined

Indian festival planned, speaker educates on cultural awareness

By JANEA PHILIP  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest students are getting the help of the Indian Association and Tou Ger Xiong this week to learn about different cultures during International Educational Week.

The Indian Association will present the Diwali Festival of Lights at 6:30 p.m., Friday in the Conference Center. The festival is based on an epic that happened centuries ago about a war between good and evil.

For the Diwali festival, the Indian Association will provide a showcase expressing the different cultures in India. It will also include a professional dancer from India and an authentic Indian cuisine.

"We will also have interactive games, quizzing the audience on what they learned about India and Diwali," said Sunil Mehra, secretary of the Indian Association.

Tou Ger Xiong is a diversity consultant, comedian, storyteller, rap artist and actor who entertained Tuesday night.

He uses the title to show the comparisons that he is a Hmong refugee and a rap artist. He encourages self-empowerment through expression and creative arts. Much of his message is expressed in comedic form.

"Some people call me the Hmong version of Chris Tucker, Jim Carrey and Chris Rock all stir fried into one," Xiong said.



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Tou Ger Xiong entertains and educates the crowd at Charles Johnson Theatre Tuesday night. He is a diversity consultant, comedian and rap artist who encourages self-empowerment through expression and creative arts.

## Debate offers students chance to share feelings about Sept. 11 attacks

By LAURA PEARL  
CHIEF REPORTER

A panel of Northwest students gathered in the Student Union Ballroom Sunday night to discuss their personal reactions to the Sept. 11 attacks and the turmoil that erupted in the aftermath.

Panel members Bill Felps, Tamara Wallace, Laura Seck, Matt Staub, Gelina Fontaine and Mhaleena Mansoor answered

questions posed by Richard Frucht, professor of history, humanities and philosophy.

Panelists also shared their personal stories and expectations for the future, drawing from separate backgrounds and political and religious ideals, said event organizer Patricia Mugabe.

The discussion began with a brief introduction by Frucht, followed by questions from Frucht and

audience members, with such issues as terrorism, anthrax, foreign policy and patriotism dominating the discussion.

Fielding the question of how America should deal with Osama bin Laden, panel members shared differing views of how to treat the Saudi Arabian native hiding in Afghanistan.

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## Concert to raise money for human rights

By SERENA BROOKS  
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Amnesty International and Students for a Free Tibet, working to educate students on issues involving human rights around the world, will be sponsoring a human rights concert at 9 p.m. Friday at The Pub.

Tickets are available for \$4 for those 19 and older. The majority of the money raised will be donated to the international organizations of Amnesty International and Students for a Free Tibet. The rest of the

money will be put into funds for campus organizations to use for other human rights events as well as basic materials that are needed.

The concert is in its second year and Amnesty International Co-President Kevin Kline said the groups hope to repeat last year's success.

"Last year went really well," Kline said. "We decided to try it again and hopefully we will get the same turnout and the same success."

Rock bands Tabla Rasa and

Acombo will be playing at the concert.

"Not only will it be a great concert, but it will provide anyone who comes with the opportunity to benefit human rights around the world," said Jed Murr, Amnesty International co-president. "They can also learn about human rights concerns."

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## Smokeout to help smokers quit

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For smokers who wish to kick their habit but just need someone to do it with them, the Great American Smokeout is Thursday.

Founded in 1977, the smokeout has been organized by the American Cancer Society to help smokers prove they can quit for a day, in hopes they will quit forever.

Locally, the two-year-old Substance Abuse Task Force organizes the smokeout and has plans for this year in the Forces' first organized effort. A table set up in the Student Union will distribute "quit kits" in attempts to aid smokers who participate.

Bobby Bearcat will join in by playing the role of "quitty kitty." Bobby will walk around campus

wearing a sign to help encourage smokers to quit.

The kits will include gum and hard candy along with other quit instruments to help smokers kick the habit.

Task Force Coordinator Carol Cowles said the smokeout is a chance to offer assistance and increase awareness among smokers.

"The Substance Abuse Task Force aims to acknowledge efforts of members of the Northwest community who have substance abuse problems and encourage collaboration to address substance abuse issues," Cowles said.

According to a Northwest survey given in Lifetime Wellness classes, 67 percent of students choose not to smoke; that is just 3 percent lower than the national average.

The survey also showed Northwest students thought only 3 percent did not smoke.

"We have real good data about what is going on at Northwest and what students think is going on, and that gap between reality and assumption is significant," Cowles said.

The task force will be helped by La Bonita Restaurant, which is also sponsoring a smokeout Thursday as an off-campus effort.

The effort is organized by three senior seminar students. Nicholas Dierksen, Katy Phillips and Tiffany Johnson will be at La Bonita to hand out prizes and make sure things run smoothly.

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## Week promotes Earth awareness

By DESIREE SKINNER  
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To celebrate National Geography Awareness Week the Northwest geography department is helping students understand and appreciate Earth's complexity.

"Geography Week is a good way for the public to become aware of the all the areas of geography by participating in some of the activities offered here on campus," secretary Karen Hoskey said.

Sponsors of Geography Week include the Association of American Geography and the National Geographic Society.

Gamma Theta Upsilon, the International Geographical Honor

Society, prepared for the week by planning special speakers and activities.

The week began with an induction ceremony for new members of Gamma Theta Upsilon on Monday.

Tuesday included a "fun quiz" open to all students to test their geography skills.

A geography job fair took place at the Student Union Wednesday. The job fair brought in several organizations seeking to hire geography majors and minors. Northwest geography alumnus Rob Rohlf also gave a speech on ground water.

Thursday's events will include a speech by Mark Corson, assistant geology/geography professor, who

serves in the Army Reserves and has spent time in Kosovo. At 7 p.m. he will speak about ways to keep peace in Kosovo.

"I think with the events of the last couple of months the understanding of different places is even more important than ever," said Steve Schnell, assistant geography professor. "We tend to be very isolated here in America and not have a good sense of our role in the world."

There are 199 Northwest students majoring or minoring in geography. The department ranks in the national top 10.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Northwest to play host to two concerts this weekend

Music will be heard throughout the campus this weekend thanks to the District Jazz Ensemble, and the Tower Choir and University Chorale fall concert.

The District Jazz Ensemble is a high school honor jazz band with students from 20 regional schools. The concert will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Charles Johnson Theatre. The University's Jazz Ensemble will also perform with the group.

The Tower Choir and University Chorale fall concert will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Mary Linn Performance Arts Center.

Chris and Tiffany Droege Mueller will be guest conductors and Lisa Lawrence will accompany the Tower Choir on piano.

Both concerts are free and open to the public.

### Horticulture Club to sell poinsettias for holidays

Just in time for the holiday season, the Northwest Horticulture Club is starting its annual poinsettia sale.

The plants will be available in red, pink and white and are \$8.

They will be sold from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Administration Building and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday in Colden Hall.

The club sells plants to raise money for scholarships and field trips.

### Visiting Writers Series to bring author to campus

Northwest's Visiting Writers Series will present award-winning writer Jonis Agee at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Conference Center where she will read excerpts from her nine books.

Three of Agee's books have been named *New York Times* Notable Books of the Year. She has also won the Nebraska Book Award.

The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Northwest Scribblers and is funded in part by Kawasaki.

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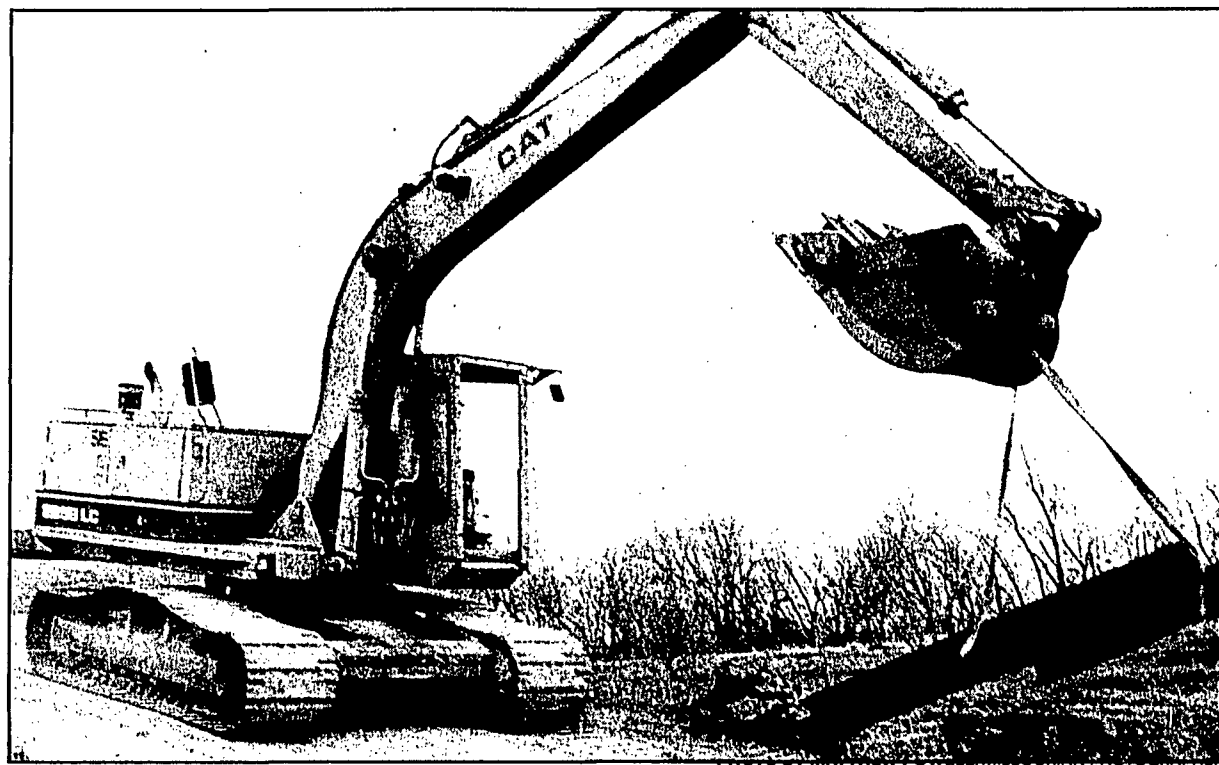
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Driving down to a bridge under construction on Highway 148, Jim Johansen moves a load of heavy steel. Construction on the project will continue through winter with a possible finish date in spring 2002. The construction, which began last spring, will replace four bridges.

## Highway bridge work to be finished in spring

By CLARK GRELL  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Drivers expecting Highway 148 to be completed by winter will need to put their hopes aside until May because weather has slowed progress on the project.

Highway 148 construction, which will replace four bridges, began last spring and will continue through winter.

Larry Jacobson, resident engineer, said the project is one section away from being completed. Crews are currently working on the 102 River bridge.

"Everything is going well," Jacobson said. "Right now, we are working on the sub-structure of the bridge. We should have everything completed by spring."

It takes two to three months to replace a bridge, but the work will

be slowed down because of winter, said Jacobson.

After inspection by the Missouri Department of Transportation, the bridges were given ratings of four and five on a scale of one to 10. Jacobson said bridges are shut down after being given a three rating.

The project also calls for the realignment of the highway north and south of the bridges.

The total cost of the project is approximately \$8 million. Twenty percent of the project is being paid by the state and the other 80 percent from federal funds.

The contractor for the 102 River bridge project is Hardy's Incorporated, based in Columbia, Mo.

Last spring, work was delayed because of excessive rain. Beard Creek and Beard Branch bridges

were to be completed by Oct. 1, but were not completed until Oct. 19.

However, the warm fall weather has been a plus for workers.

"We are getting a lot done lately," project manager Aaron Grothoff said. "We should be done on time if weather allows it."

Although the highway is one bridge short of completion, drivers should not have to deal with too many delays, Jacobson said.

"The flow of traffic should not be a problem," Jacobson said. "There is only one small area with a speed reduction."

As work continues, more sections of the highway will be open. One mile of the highway was opened last week south of the 102 River bridge.

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## Plans develop for local marathon

By JULIE MILLER  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Chamber of Commerce met with community members and area runners Monday to discuss a new plan to showcase Maryville and the surrounding countryside.

Leslie Ackman and Matt Gaarder, Northwest alumni, will co-organize a marathon for the spring of 2003.

A marathon would be the perfect event to showcase Maryville and promote tourism, Ackman said.

Ackman and Gaarder are working closely with 15 marathon committees and the Chamber to work through details of the race weekend, which Ackman hopes will draw 300 to 500 runners and walkers.

"We hope to attract runners from all over the United States," Ackman said.

The details of the race course are still in formation and will most likely include a stretch through Mozingo Lake Park. Committees must get state approval for the course to block off necessary roads and highways.

Ackman, who has completed one marathon in Anchorage, Ala., also said the committees are working to have the marathon sanctioned by the United States Track and Field Association.

"So everyone knows we're serious about it," she said.

The plans include a traditional pasta dinner the evening prior to the race with a guest speaker, possibly Judy Milnar, who is famous for regular appearances on the Rosie O'Donnell Show and has authored a book about racing.

Tentative plans also include a logo design contest for area art stu-

dents and a contest to appropriately name the race.

"It's all still in its baby phase," said Ackman, who hopes plans will come together by January.

Gaarder said some people have been skeptical that Maryville is too small for the 26.2 mile race.

"That's actually been kind of a motivator for us," Gaarder said. "This thing is going to take hundreds and hundreds of volunteers."

Ackman agreed the race will take a lot of work and needs to be well-organized.

The race will bring together local and national runners, community businesses and volunteers.

"It's going to be exciting for Maryville, not only for the city, but for the people involved," Gaarder said.

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Baskin Robbins, located at Fourth and Filmore streets, is on schedule and expected to be completed in December. Caffina Cafe will also be located inside the shop and will offer pastries and traditional coffee drinks.

## Local ice cream parlor, car wash being constructed

An ice cream parlor and car wash will be added to the variety of Maryville businesses in December.

Baskin Robbins is expected to open at Fourth and Filmore streets in December.

Construction is going as scheduled on the project, owner Anita Espey said.

Caffina Cafe will be located within the shop, offering pastries and coffee drinks in addition to the 36 flavors of ice cream.

Store hours have not been decided, but Espey plans to be open early morning until 10 p.m. or 11 p.m. depending on the season.

Also being constructed next to Bearcat Express is Bearcat Carwash.

Owner Mark Younger said it is also expected to open in December.

Four washes will be available including a bubblegum wash.

The deluxe wash will combine blue, pink and orange soap to provide a green bubblegum scent wax.

Younger said the newest technology is used in the touchless, laser carwash, created by Midland Carwash.

## American students in

By JUSTIN MCALEER  
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Nearly all of the 169 American students attending La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia watched as their country was attacked Sept. 11.

Though the attacks occurred shortly before midnight in Melbourne, many stayed tuned into the television through the early morning hours, watching in horror as they waited to see what would happen next.

"I just got up and ran to tell everyone I could," said Stan Koehler, a Northwest student. "I just had to let everyone know. I was in complete shock."

Although many American students think Australia is a safe place to be at this juncture, most would like to be home with family.

"If I were at home I would probably wish that I was somewhere else," Northwest student Michael Voris said. "But now I just wish I was

home to see what everyone else is going through."

Many students from Australian universities dispersed all over the country and some left the country on spring break vacations.

"It really didn't hinder my travel," Voris said. "I still traveled to Thailand, but we took some extra precautions. We contacted the U.S. Embassy to be sure that it was not a hostile area for travel, and also to let them know that we would be in the country. We also did not tell many people we were from the U.S. We mostly said we were from Canada."

Tensions have risen and the world is in a state of unease about what will happen next.



## Australia deal with

"I am glad that we decided to go to Thailand rather than Bali," said Jon S'dao, Fairfield University. "While in Thailand we heard of Muslim protestors going into Indonesian hotels and threatening American travelers to leave

or they would be killed."

Australians are frequent visitors to the United States and many go abroad on work holidays. Marianne Voss is a La Trobe student who plans to work in America this winter. At this time her plans are in tact, but the attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. may result in her staying home.

"Of course, it has made me think a little, but it hasn't made me change my mind, yet," Voss said. "I think it'll be all right because I don't

think the war will be fought on American soil, but I am afraid that I'll get stuck over there."

Thoughts of going home within the next two months are reassuring for most, but there is uncertainty of what students will face when they return home.

"We were going to have a lot of culture shock anyway just trying to get used to what our lives were back home," Voris said. "I can't even imagine what it'll be like now. We have not been a part of what they have gone through, but we have also gone through a lot being here. It makes it tough to think about grades and schoolwork when you're so far from home at a time like this."

S'dao lives less than 15 minutes from Lower Manhattan.

"I just know that I'm going to start hearing about friends who lost one of their parents in the World Trade Center," S'dao said. "I would love to see how our city and country has come together."

## LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

■ The ruling Taliban abandoned Kabul early Tuesday, allowing Northern Alliance troops to go into the city unopposed.

■ The Northern Alliance has been told to respect human rights as well as to await the efforts underway to build a broad-based coalition for a post-Taliban government.

■ Lakhdar Brahimi, the U.N. secretary-general's special representative for Afghanistan, told the U.N. Security Council he wants to convene a meeting of all Afghan groups as soon as possible, in an effort to form a broad-based government.

■ Brahimi proposed an initial round of meetings that would include the Northern Alliance, followers of the exiled king, Zahir Shah, and representatives of other Afghan opposition factions. After those meetings, Brahimi said a provisional Afghan council would be convened, drawing from all of the ethnic and tribal factions and including Afghans in the country and abroad.

■ The council should be led by an individual who is seen by the people of Afghanistan as a symbol of national unity around whom all ethnic, religious and regional groups could rally, Brahimi said.

■ A transitional administration should last no more than two years, Brahimi said.

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OUR VIEW

Primetime

As the president addresses the nation, networks continue with regularly scheduled programming

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What were you doing Thursday at 7 p.m.? You were probably among the millions that tuned in to watch their favorite sitcom or reality show instead of President George W. Bush's address to the nation. You were allowed to watch your favorite show rather than President Bush because network executives at NBC and CBS are in a fierce ratings war and they do not want to lose any viewers. In a time of national crisis and war this is what we don't need. There are more important things to be addressed than who is getting voted out of the Boran or Samburu tribes, or how Rachel is dealing with her pregnancy. It is not everyday the President goes on television in primetime to address the country. When he does, it must mean he is going to talk about something important. Apparently, Bush addressing national security and updating the attack on Afghanistan is not important enough to push back "Friends" or "Survivor" a half-hour. According to CNN.com, White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer filled in every network on the speech. "I filled them in on some information about the speech, what the president would say," Fleischer said. "I made no requests and said this is a judgment that you all will make — have to make as your job as the people who decide whether something should air live or not. It is the judgment of the networks to make." CBS and NBC are not the only ones to be blamed. Fox told each affiliate it was their choice to air the speech or regular programming at 7 p.m. Should there have been a question? People don't even know Fox has a show at 7 p.m. "The Family Guy," is on the network according to the Nielsen ratings. It should have been a no-brainer. The speech should not have been overlooked. It was a progress report on the United States as national security adviser Condoleezza Rice told CNN.com. "This is an important progress report, and I certainly hope that the American people will use those outlets that they have to see it," said Rice. "There are outlets where he will be heard. I'll leave it at that." At such an important time in American history, President Bush's speech is more important than television ratings. It would not have hurt the networks to push programming back a half-hour. Every major network did so on Oct. 11.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sweethearts support team, denounce fans

In response to the Your View question posed in last week's Northwest Missourian, "Do you think the Bearcat football team's season has been a disappointment?" the Bearcat Sweetheart Football Ambassadors would answer no. We believe the most disappointing part of the 2001 football season has been the lack of support the team has received from its so-called fans. True Bearcat football fans support the team through good times and bad. True fans turn out to support the players and the coaching staff, not just the victories. The student turnout for Saturday's game against Emporia State was "disappointing," not the team. Saturday, 13 seniors played the last game of their football careers. Those seniors were a part of the Northwest football team that earned five straight MIAA championships and two national championship titles. Those seniors saw overwhelming fan support through those championship seasons, but unfortunately that support was not provided for them on their final day of recognition. Saturday's game attendance was proof the Bearcats have many fair-weather fans. We applaud the true fans who turned out to support the Bearcats Saturday. True fans of Bearcat football realize this season was one of growing and rebuilding for the team. True fans realize the losses the team suffered this season will only push the players to work hard in the off-season. There is no doubt in our minds this year's football team will be a different one next fall. It will grow from its mistakes and come out hungry for a playoff bid. When it does, the fair-weather fans will return, and the true fans will already be there, just like they always have been.

BEARCAT SWEETHEART FOOTBALL AMBASSADORS

CORRECTIONS

- In the Nov. 8 issue of *The Missourian*, the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority sponsored the annual S.O.S. walk. Beth Reuter served as S.O.S. co-coordinator.
- In the Nov. 8 issue of *The Missourian*, Cathy Fleming, a *Missourian* photographer, was not credited for a photo she took of "Medea."
- In the Nov. 8 issue of *The Missourian*, senior defensive lineman Brian Schertz was left out of the Bearcat football senior profiles. His profile can be viewed on Page 28.

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MY VIEW

Season reveals fair weather fans



ASHLEE ERWIN  
 MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Listen up people, the sports chick has something to say: Bearcat fans need to buck-up. Everywhere I go I hear comments like "Did you hear the football team lost again?" "Man, they suck" or "This season has been a joke." Now, I will be the first to admit that my football knowledge is limited, no matter how many Chiefs games I have sat through with my Arrowhead-crazed family. (Maybe my lack of knowledge stems from watching the Chiefs, but that is another story.) However, I know enough to tell a good team from a bad team, and we do not suck. Does the phrase "rebuilding year" ring a bell? The team lost 21 seniors from last season, three All-Americans and an All-MIAA Conference quarterback. No matter how much favor the football gods shine on Coach T,

he cannot perform miracles. We are not the Yankees; buying all the talent is not an option. It is just going to take time for the younger members of the team to gain the experience necessary for a championship team. Does this mean our Bearcats are not worth cheering for because they failed to bring home a national championship? Give me a break. You fair-weather fans need to learn that braving the storm is more rewarding than basking in the sunshine. Take Homecoming for example. It was the Hickory Stick game, a rivalry I have known my entire life because I live right outside of Kirksville. All of my friends from Truman were there, along with my parents, who are Truman alumni. My dad even wore his Truman alumni shirt under his Northwest Dad sweatshirt.

Then the unthinkable happened. We lost by one point on a last-second play. Yes, I took crap from everyone. Lots of it. But I refused to give up on my Bearcats because I have a philosophy. We could have basked in the sunshine by taking the Stick for the sixth consecutive year. Instead, we have to brave the storm. I bet that come hell or high water, our Bearcats will get the Stick back next year. And oh, how much sweeter it will be. So to those of you pseudo-fans who say our 'Cats suck, I say you suck. True fans do not abandon their team when they lose a few games. Fans who bash the Bearcats need to try actually attending a few games next season before they decide they have the credentials of Al Michaels.

Ashlee Erwin can be contacted at 562-1224 or at aerwin@missourianonline.com

YOUR VIEW

What do you think of the approved renovations to Rickenbrode Stadium?



"I think it is a great thing because the best Division II team should have the best stadium."

Dennis James  
 Maryville High School senior



"It's good to acknowledge the increasing number of fans."

Nikki Tobin  
 Business operations major



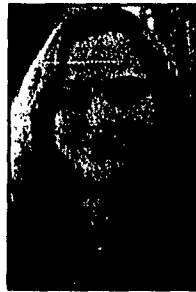
"I feel that our football program has prospered since Mel Tjeerdsma came to town. Attendance would increase if better seating was provided. I feel good about other renovations on campus and it would be a natural thing to renovate the stadium."

Mark Watkins  
 Maryville resident



"I believe it is a good thing. It will bring in more people and more revenue for the campus."

Mike Davis  
 Maryville resident



"I think that anything that beautifies the campus is a good thing."

Rachel Melton  
 Theatre major

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## THURSDAY

■ Geography Awareness Week  
■ Fourth installment due  
■ "Improv A La Mode," 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center  
■ Focus on Kids Program for Divorcing Parents, 4 p.m. or 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room  
■ MOMFIT, 6:30 p.m., First Christian Church

## MONDAY

■ Maryville Community Blood Drive, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., United Methodist Church  
■ AA Meeting, 6 p.m., United Methodist Church  
■ Boy Scout Troop 74 Meeting, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., First Christian Church  
■ Hallmark Photography Prints exhibit opens, DeLuce Gallery

## FRIDAY

■ Geography Awareness Week  
■ Ryland Milner Classic  
■ Teens Encounter Christ Retreat, Conception Abbey  
■ Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m., First Baptist Church  
■ AA Meeting, 8 p.m., Conception Abbey

## TUESDAY

■ Revolution Day (Mexico)  
■ Preregistration appointments for spring 2002 end  
■ Student payday  
■ Thanksgiving recess begins, 5 p.m.  
■ Cancer Support Group, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Northwest Technical School

## SATURDAY

■ Ryland Milner Classic  
■ Geography Awareness Week  
■ Northwest District Jazz Ensemble, all day, Charles Johnson Theatre  
■ Teens Encounter Christ Retreat, Conception Abbey  
■ Souls on Fire, 7 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

## WEDNESDAY

■ Student Recognition, 7:30 a.m., Middle School  
■ Thanksgiving vacation begins, 1:10 p.m., Middle School  
■ AA Meeting, 6 p.m., Margaret Davidson Square  
■ Community Thanksgiving Service, 7 p.m., First Christian Church

## SUNDAY

■ Consecration Day  
■ Tower Choir/University Chorale Concert, 3 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center  
■ Teens Encounter Christ Retreat, Conception Abbey  
■ Cub Scouts Meeting, 4 p.m., United Methodist Church  
■ Yoga Class, 4 p.m.-5 p.m., Presbyterian Church

## THURSDAY

■ Thanksgiving Day

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Nov. 6

■ Jonna D. Hearly, 48, Grant City, was traveling east on Highway 136, when the rear driver's side wheel came off. Hearly swerved into the westbound lane, then into the eastbound lane, where it came to rest on its side on the shoulder of the road.

Nov. 7

■ An officer observed three individuals in the 400 block of North Buchanan. Upon making contact, Andrew T. Roth, 21, Maryville, was issued a summons for providing false information to an officer.

■ Officers received a report of a male individual attempting to sell pills at a business in the 300 block of North Market. The vehicle was located in the 100 block of Park Avenue. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Robert T. Grace, 25, Burlington Junction. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not complete. He was arrested for DWI after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for open container in a vehicle.

■ Melisa K. Langford, 24, Maryville, was waiting at the stop sign on North Depot. Dorry L. Florea, 36, Maryville, was traveling east on East

First. Langford entered the intersection and was struck by Florea. Langford was issued a citation for failure to yield right of way from a stop sign.

■ Darin L. VanVactor, Stanberry, was northbound on South Market. An unknown vehicle was eastbound in the 100 block of East Jenkins. The unknown vehicle struck VanVactor and then left the scene.

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of North Buchanan, an officer observed a vehicle with one brake light. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of West Fifth. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Jesse D. Shaw, 18, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not complete. He was arrested for DWI after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued summonses for minor in possession, possession of another's identification and equipment violation.

Nov. 9

■ While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle in a parking lot, running, but appeared to have no one inside. Upon making contact, a driver was identified as Nicholas V. Palermo, 22, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not complete.

He was arrested for DWI after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit.

## BIRTHS

### Sidney Dawn King

David King and Misty Gibson, Albany, are the parents of Sidney Dawn, born Nov. 8 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Her grandparents are Ron and Eva Gibson, Bethany, and Gary and Donna King, Grant City. Her great-grandparents are Thelma Gibson, Bethany; Betty Tucker, New Hampton; Mary Thurman, Grant City; and James King, Mt. Airy, Iowa.

### Wyatt Alexander Good

Russell and Amanda Good, Albany, are the parents of Wyatt Alexander, born Nov. 9 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces, and joins one brother, Colton.

His grandparents are Alex Degase, Maryville, James and Terry Harding, Allendale, and Elmer and Debba Good, Albany. His great-grandparents are Benita Emerson, Pickering; L.G. and Dorothy Degase, Maryville; Ralph and Louise Wallace, Clearmont; Lesley and Lois Bowman, Albany; and Catherine Riley, Albany. His great-grandparents are Dorothy Snowden, Burlington Junction, and Walter Bears, Las Vegas.

### William Leo Boswell

Mary and Corey Boswell, Parnell, are the parents of William Leo, born Nov. 10 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

His grandparents are Bill and Janee Lehlitner, Linn Creek, and Wayne and Brenda Boswell, Ravenwood. His great-grandparents are Hal and Joyce Phelps, Lee's Summit; Arza and LaVera Boswell, Ravenwood; and Willa Auffert, Ravenwood.

### Crystian Joseph Bryce Whipple

Sharee and Jonathan Whipple, Maryville, are the parents of Crystian Joseph Bryce, born Nov. 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and joins one brother, Jayden Ebrecht.

His grandparents are Sherri and Kevin Volner, Graham, and Richard Whipple, Clarinda, Iowa.

His great-grandparents are Dolores and Don Volner, Pickering, and Nellie and Jay Sticken, Graham.

## DEATHS

### Alvin H. Miller

Alvin Miller, 84, Florence, Ore., died Nov. 4 at Peace Health Hospital in Florence, Ore.

He was born Oct. 25, 1917, to

## Giving thanks



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR  
Friends and family of Horace Mann School take part in a Thanksgiving dinner at the Conference Center Wednesday. Guests dined on a traditional Thanksgiving meal of turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie.

Orley and Mary Elizabeth Miller in Parnell.

He is survived by one daughter, Alice Robinson; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 9 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ravenwood.

### Janie Priest

Janie Priest, 70, Maryville, died Nov. 6 at her daughter's home.

She was born Sept. 30, 1931, to Lawrence and Clara Waldeier in Maryville.

She is survived by her husband, Tracy; one daughter, Debbie; four brothers, Larry, James, Stanley and Robert; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 9 at St. Gregory's Catholic Church in Maryville. Burial was at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Parnell.

### Geneva Ruth Banks

Geneva Ruth Banks, 86, Maryville, died Nov. 8 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Dec. 29, 1914, to Orville and Gertrude Meyers in Preston, Neb.

She is survived by two daughters, Frances Saab and Carlene Gilbert; one sister, Margaret Krepis; one brother, James Meyers; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 10 at Sheridan Cemetery in Auburn, Neb.

### Eldon E. Larabee

Eldon Larabee, 76, Clearmont, died Nov. 8 at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, Neb.

He was born March 24, 1925, to Clarence and Bertha Larabee in Elmo.

He is survived by his wife, Eula; two daughters, Linda Davison and Sherry Rybolt; three sons, Eldon, Kenneth, and Philip; one brother, Dillard; one sister, Essie Brands; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were Nov. 12 at First Christian Church in Hopkins. Burial was at Prairie Home Cemetery in Graham.

### Goldie Marie Narber

Goldie Marie Narber, 85, Hopkins, died Nov. 11 at Parkdale Manor in Maryville.

She was born Dec. 14, 1915, to James and Eva Sleep in Siam, Iowa.

She is survived by one daughter, Eva, and one son-in-law, Lars Harrison.

Services were Nov. 14 at Swanson-Price Funeral Home Chapel in Hopkins. Burial was at Hopkins Cemetery.

### Walter Eldon Kinder

Walter Eldon Kinder, 85, Maryville, died Nov. 12 at Village Care Center in Maryville.

He was born Dec. 21, 1915 to James and Eva Kinder in Maryville.

He is survived by one daughter, Bonnie Paxton; one brother, William "Wick" Kinder; three grandchildren, Cheryl Salmela, Mark Putnam and Tim Putnam; five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 14 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery in Maryville.

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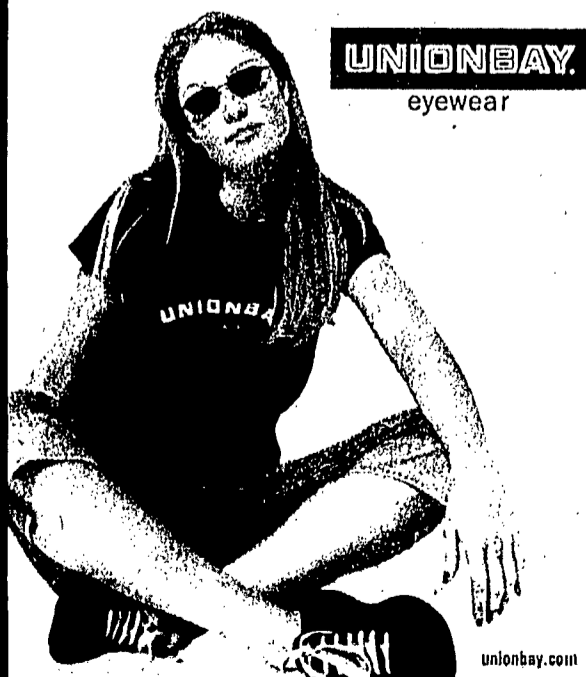
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# Starving Artists

By MEGAN TADY  
FEATURES EDITOR

A painter puts himself on display as his artwork is strewn about the sidewalk. It's bargain basement day, he says to his unwilling customers.

A mime's white face stays plastered in a grin until a passerby drops a coin in his gloved palm.

A poet sitting on a step, pen poised in position, says she can write a love sonnet with any two words. And \$1.

All three people are what the world refers to as "starving artists," and sustain themselves on poetry, music, painting, dancing, writing and acting.

While traveling caravans of actors and wandering poets are not seen on the Northwest campus, there are many artists present. And these artists know there is a very real possibility of becoming a "starving artist."

The term "starving artist" means the world is not willing to support the artist or the art, said Brian Fish, a graduate student who does fine art photography and creative writing.

"That's usually what I tell people I'm going to be," Fish said. "In all reality, there is not a huge market for creative writers or fine art photographers. It's a long, hard process to get yourself there and hardly anyone is successful right off the bat. It takes a lot of work."

A "starving artist" also refers to the idea that unless an artist has another career, the artist will not be financially secure, said Catie Rosemurgy, a poet and assistant professor of English.

"First of all, how many people make it?" Rosemurgy asked. "Second of all, I mean to the stage where

they're publishing and not making any money, how many people make it to that stage? Then, how many people make it to the stage where they're actually making a living off of it? None. Two. You can bank on the fact that you better let it be a startling surprise when your writing actually supports you."

## Making compromises

To avoid becoming a "starving artist," many artists have to make compromises.

"You have to make sure people are going to want to see your art, but at the same time that goes against what it means to be an artist," Fish said. "You're not expressing yourself, you're expressing how much money you want to make. Well, I'm going to do this so I can make this amount of money. So you can be like a bestselling novelist who feeds into that, like John Grisham and Steven King."

"And then there are photographers who do the same thing. They create art that people will buy — cute little things that can go in calendars. That's not at all what I want to do. You create art for the sake of the art, not for the money that's going to come from it. But at the same time, you have this dilemma because you want to make money also."

Because of this dilemma, artists need to have a realistic approach to their work, said Rachel Vierck, a senior theater major.

"Right now 97 percent of the people in America that consider themselves artists are living under the poverty line," Vierck said. "That being the case, you have to have some kind of back-up plan. And if

# Artists try to juggle artistic ambitions with job security

you're going to get some kind of higher education, you better be able to use it somehow.

## Back-up plans

While Fish's dream is to only work with his art, he has formed a back-up plan.

"What will more likely end up happening is I will find a job that I can support myself with, probably related to photography or writing, and then I'll do the creative photography and creative writing on the side," Fish said. "It's not something I want to have to do, because when you go from creative writing to technical writing, it's a painful step. Same for going from fine art photography to studio portraits and senior pictures."

Unlike many art majors, Fish also has degrees in geography and horticulture to fall back on.

"That is something to think about," Fish said. "In fact, there are only about 11 jobs available in this entire country for a person with a MFA (Master in Fine Arts) in creative writing. Eleven jobs and thousands of people graduate every year, so it's a very slim market."

For local artist Brian Lohafer, a back-up plan came in the form of teaching; he has been an art teacher for 26 years at Maryville High School.

"The thing is that teaching is a regular paycheck," Lohafer said. "For you to be able to sell your art, and make a living off of it, you have to totally dedicate yourself just to that. Then you have to hopefully get known so that people are coming to you for more and more of it. Then you're working with deadlines trying to get things done in order to make enough of it in order to survive off it. Do you want to go there? Do you want to have that kind of lifestyle where you're always on a deadline? That's the reason I like to do both."

Worth it

Despite the sacrifices artists have to make, many consider it worth it.

"I have spent so much of my time doing what I don't want to do so I wouldn't be starving," Fish said. "Now I'm trying to focus on what I do want to do. I don't even care anymore if I'm starving or not."

For many artists, the possibility of giving up their art is not a choice they can make.

"I think if you're really an artist, that if you really are a painter or you really are a writer, it's how you are alive," Rosemurgy said. "It's how you mean-

ing of the chaotic elements of life. It's how you participate. If you really have that calling and you neglect it, I think you'd feel like you had lost your anchor."

"If you really feel called — it's kind of like a love re-

lationship — if you aren't tending to that, and who cares if you are getting published or not, I think you'd feel a real hole, a real panic. You feel like you aren't tending to the part of your life that truly matters. It's the same type of panic that people have about getting married, having kids, making their life meaningful and making some sort of sense out of it. If you're not writing, or whatever your art is, if you're not doing that I think you start to feel like the bottom has dropped out. I think it's like having a routine, they're not having a life."

Some artists would opt to become a "starving artist" than not be an artist at all. "We need doctors, and lawyers and business people to sur-



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# building blocks

With key players, men's basketball team tries to establish itself as one of the top programs in the MIAA, nation

By BILL KNUST  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest men's basketball team will be hard pressed this year to follow up on last year's successful season.

The Bearcats finished second in the MIAA Conference Tournament for the fifth year in a row, and they advanced to the South Central Regional Finals of the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

The team also reeled off 16 straight

wins to start the season, including a victory over then No. 1-ranked Florida Southern.

"There may be some high expectations out there with the success we've had," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "But this is a completely different team."

The team lost four seniors, three which were instrumental in the team's success last season.

Floyd Farrow, Joel Taylor and Joe Price will no longer be bringing the crowd to its feet with their three pointers and electrifying dunks.

Instead, the 'Cats will turn to seniors Matt Rowan, Jerry Hudson and Chris Borchers.

Using what he learned from last year's

leaders, Hudson said he will have some tools to use for being a leader this year.

"I learned a lot from last year's seniors," Hudson said. "Joel and Floyd, they got us ready for practice every day. If you came out lagging they would get on us and pick us up. I pretty much learned that from them."

Hudson picked up his play as last year season averaging 11.1 points and 4.5 rebounds per game. Those stats were good enough to earn him honorable mention All-MIAA.

The team has had a two-week layoff since its exhibition victory, and Tappmeyer said the team is ready to play in the Ryland Milner Tournament.

"We're definitely ready," Tappmeyer said. "We're to the point

where we have got to play somebody so we can evaluate where we're at. In some regards, as a coach, I'd like to have one more week to make sure we are 100 percent ready. But I'm not sure you're ever 100 percent ready for your first game, no matter how much time you have to prepare. We just need to play somebody right now."

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STEVE TAPPMAYER  
MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH



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the 'Cats return second team All-MIAA junior guard Scott Fleming. He set the school record for steals last year with 97. That averaged out to 3.13 steals per game, a stat good enough for No. 2 in the MIAA and No. 9 in the country.

Fleming also averaged 14 points per game to lead the team and dished out a team-high 125 assists and shot 81.4 percent from the free throw line.

Giving Fleming help in the backcourt will be sophomore Kelvin Parker. He played as a true freshman last year, and played a key role as the 'Cats made their

late season run. He averaged six points per game and 2.4 assists.

Rowan will provide the inside force for the 'Cats. He averaged eight points per game and led the team with five rebounds per game.

Along with the returners, Tappmeyer is looking to some newcomers like Ben McCollum, Brian Carson, Jesse Shaw and Keenan Weir, who could give the 'Cats a boost.

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## PRESEASON COACHES POLL

1. Washburn
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3. Pitt State
4. Mo. Western
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6. Mo. Rolla
7. SW Baptist
8. Central
9. Emporia State
10. Truman

## 2000-01 MIAA STANDINGS

	MIAA	Overall
Washburn	15 3	29 5
<b>Northwest</b>	<b>14 4</b>	<b>25 6</b>
Pitt State	13 5	21 9
Mo. Southern	13 5	21 10
Mo. Western	12 6	18 9
SW Baptist	7 11	8 16
Central	7 11	12 15
Truman State	3 15	7 20
Emporia State	3 15	9 17
Mo. Rolla	3 15	5 21

# Women hope to make impact on conference competition

By BILL KNUST  
SPORTS EDITOR

The MIAA is a dangerous place to be for a lower-tier women's basketball program. That's why the Northwest women's team is trying to make a jump into the top half of the league.

In a conference where the top five teams have been the same the past three years, Northwest is seeking to make some noise with four returning starters.

Emporia State University, Pittsburg State University, Missouri Western State College, Southwest Baptist University and Central Missouri State University have had no equal when it comes to competition from the bottom five teams of the MIAA.

Head coach Gene Steinmeyer is trying to change that this year.

He brought in eight recruits to go along with his four returning starters. It will ultimately be the returnees who will help this team win

games against the top-level teams in the league, Steinmeyer said.

"It's a big advantage to have four starters back, because we have some people that know what it is like," Steinmeyer said. "They know what it is like to go to Emporia and play, go to Pitt State and play and places like that. Especially, the last game of the season we played down at Southwest Baptist in front of an almost packed house in a playoff game."

The four returnees are seniors Dena McMullen, Kristen Anderson and Jericca Miller. Sophomore Tanesha Fields also started for the

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'Cats last season, but the team will be without last year's leading scorer as senior Amanda Winter is taking the year off for personal reasons.

Steinmeyer has called McMullen the leader of the team. A guard in her second year with the 'Cats, she averaged nine points and six rebounds per game last year. She led

the team in assists, steals and blocked shots.

Anderson was the team's second-leading scorer last season averaging 12.2 points a game and 5.5 boards per game. She scored a career-high 30 points last season against Central Missouri.

Miller started 26-of-27 games last year, averaged 10.3 points a game and led the team with 6.3 rebounds per game.

Steinmeyer also has high hopes for the newcomers.

"Brooke Hogue is probably the one that will have the most immediate impact," Steinmeyer said. "She is from Albany, close by. Then coming off the injured list is Sarah Vollertson and she is one we are really counting on to sure up our rebounding because that has been a big weakness. Jennifer Gries is a heck of a scorer, but she is lagging behind defensively, and we really have high hopes for her."

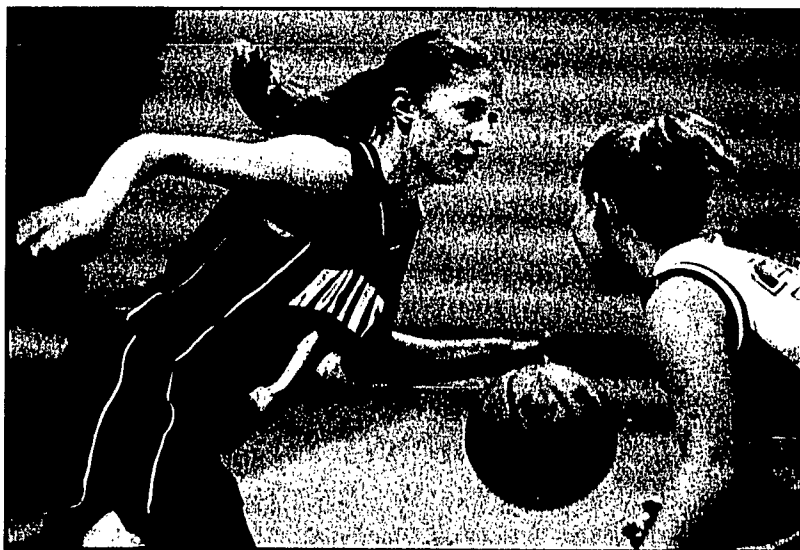


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Sophomore guard Corey Van Dine drives past a Cornell College player during the Bearcats' 83-55 exhibition win over the Rams Friday night. The 'Cats will face-off against Grand View College in the Ryland Milner Classic with tip-off at 6 p.m.



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Junior wide receiver John Otte tries to make a catch during the first half of the Bearcats' 44-3 win over the Emporia State Hornets Saturday. The 'Cats finished the season 7-4.

## Northwest football

# Bearcats end losing skid, say good-bye to seniors



By MARK HORNICKELE  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A dismal 4,000 fans showed up at Rickenbrode Stadium Saturday for the final game of a dismal few weeks for the Bearcat football team.

But the Bearcats ended their three-game losing skid with a 44-3 blowout of Emporia State University. For the Northwest seniors, it was a happy ending to their careers, and for the younger players, it was a fresh start.

"It just makes the whole difference in the world to how you feel," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "Everybody now can go home and the seniors are so excited. Their careers are over, they're sad about that, but they're happy because they can go out as winners. For our young kids it's just that we needed this. We need some momentum going into the off-season and I really think this will get us going."

Northwest got on the board with its second offensive drive of the day. Junior quarterback John McMenamin found freshman wide receiver Pat Jordan on the ninth play of the drive for a 21-yard pass up the middle of the field. Then Jordan turned past a couple de-

	VS.	
Northwest	44	
Emporia State	3	
Bearcats finish 7-4 overall, 6-3 in MIAA		

fenders and trotted into the end zone.

It took the 'Cats two plays to score on their next possession. After a 6-yard run by senior fullback Maurice Douglas, senior running back Ryan Hackett carried the ball 43 yards for the 'Cats' second touchdown.

In the second quarter, with 12:46 on the clock on a fourth-and-seven, Emporia State's Pat Amon faked a punt and threw to freshman tight end Jeff Zimmerman, but sophomore special teams player Morris White broke up the play.

So with the ball on the Hornets 23-yard line, Northwest threatened to score again. But on first-and-10, McMenamin fumbled the handoff to junior running back Geromy Scaggs and Emporia State took possession again.

After the two teams exchanged field goals to close out the first half, Northwest only widened the gap in the second half as sophomore Gabe Middleton took the opening kickoff for 76 yards down the sideline and helped put Northwest ahead 24-3.

A two-yard run by Hackett with 3:53 left in the third quarter increased the 'Cats' margin, but the extra-point attempt by senior Eddie Ibarra was partially blocked and it bounced off the upright.

After putting pressure on the Hornets' punt team all day, Northwest got a block of its own. With 7:15 to go in regulation and the Hornets punting from their own 28-yard line, Darryl Ridley broke through the line of scrimmage to block Amon's punt. White recovered the ball and ran it in for the score.

For White, it was a chance for redemption after missing an interception on Emporia's fake punt attempt.

"We weren't going for the block, and once I heard it hit someone's hand I was expecting it to go past the line of scrimmage," White said. "But instead I saw it squirt out and it was behind the line and I knew I had an opportunity to score."

After an interception by senior

cornerback Frank Taylor with 5:26 to go in the fourth quarter, Northwest closed out the scoring on a 3-yard touchdown run by Scaggs.

After they squandered 10-point, fourth-quarter leads in each of the last three games, Tjeerdsma and many of the players gave credit to the defense.

"I think we just went out there relaxed and just aggressive," Tjeerdsma said. "We kept it fairly simple. Emporia's not a great offensive team, but we played a lot more relaxed and we got after it. We've kind of gotten into a mode of playing not to lose instead of playing to win, and I think we got out of that today. As the game went on we got better, I thought."

The win was especially gratifying for the Northwest seniors, who received standing ovations from the crowd as they exited the game.

"It was nice to have all the true Bearcat fans show up today," said Brian Schertz, senior defensive tackle. "The stands weren't packed, but the true Bearcat fans were here to cheer us on and play our last game."

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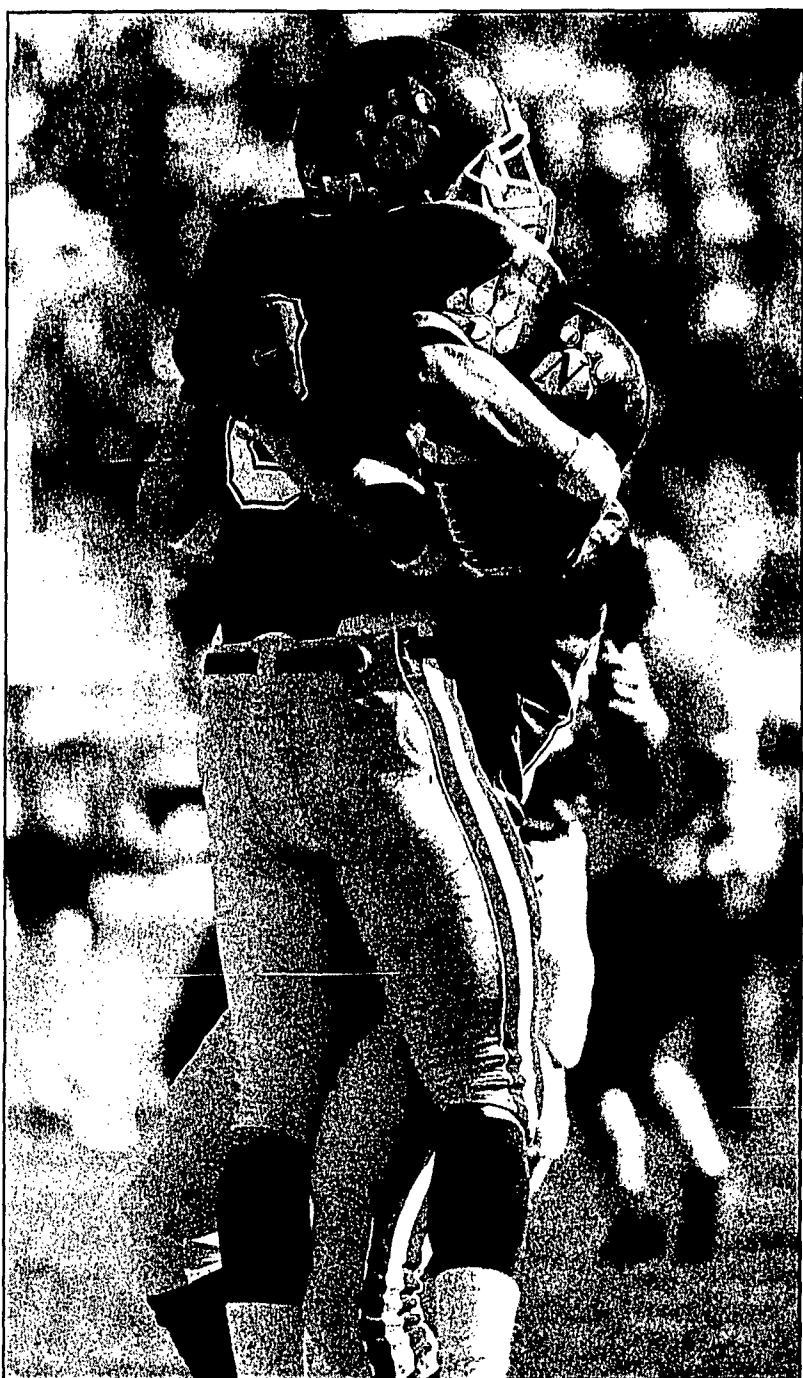


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Redshirt freshman Pat Jordan celebrates his 21-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter of Saturday's game with fellow receiver sophomore Adam Otte. Jordan finished the day with 47 yards receiving on four catches to lead the 'Cats' receivers. Northwest won the game 44-3, finished the season with a 7-4 record and tied for third place in the conference with a 6-3 record.

## FINAL SEASON STATISTICS

Points	37.8	Final MIAA standings	W L
Points allowed	18.6	Pittsburg State	8 1
Total offense	479.2	Central Missouri State	7 2
Rushing offense	157.3	<b>NORTHWEST</b>	<b>6 3</b>
Passing offense	321.9	Missouri Western	6 3
Total defense	364.6	Truman State	6 3
Rushing defense	154.4	Southwest Baptist	4 7
Passing defense	210.3	Emporia State	3 6
Time of possession	31:21	Missouri Southern	3 6
3rd-Dn. Con.	49 percent	Washburn	2 7
4th-Dn. Con.	72.7 percent	Missouri-Rolla	0 9
Field goals	15-21		
Top passer	John McMenamin 277-161-10, 2,426 yds, 58.1 completion pct. 18 TDs	Top receiver	Jamaica Rector 61-1,081, 120.1 ypg, 9 TDs
Top rusher	Ryan Hackett 148-739 yds, 73.9 ypg, 8 TDs	Top tacklers	Grant Sutton 62 tackles, 14 TFL, 4 sacks Tony Sly 58 tackles, 5 INTs

## Northwest football

## 'Cats season ends with positive note

By BILL KNUST  
SPORTS EDITOR

With a 44-3 victory over Emporia State University Saturday, the Northwest football team ended its season at 7-4 and will begin to prepare for the 2002 season.

Although the 'Cats saw several streaks come to an end, the season finished on a positive note with a victory for 14 departing seniors.

Among the streaks that came to an end were a 41-game MIAA winning streak, a 22-game, regular-season home winning streak, a five-year playoff streak and a run of five years and 41 days in the AFCA Division II Top 25.

The tough part is that the Bearcats lost four games by a total of 12 points and shared the lead or led in the fourth quarter of every game.

Not being in the playoffs, though, will give head coach Mel Tjeerdsma a jump on recruiting.

"There is no doubt about the fact we are going to get a nice, early start," Tjeerdsma said. "I think it is really advantageous for us this year because we need that kind of a start because we want to get some transfers. This is an important time because the signing date for transfers is Dec. 11, so that's coming up quick. We have a lot of work to do in that respect."

While Tjeerdsma is excited to get the head start he would rather be planning for a playoff game this week.

"It's great to be in the playoffs and I would never trade places," Tjeerdsma said. "I would rather be behind in recruiting, but this will give us a good start as far as recruiting is concerned."

One area where the Bearcats will not need much recruiting is in the

quarterback and receiver positions. Northwest will return starting quarterback junior John McMenamin and five receivers who played significant time this year.

Among those receivers is redshirt freshman Jamaica Rector. McMenamin's go-to guy all year finished the season with 1,081 yards receiving, 61 completions and nine touchdowns in just nine games.

Those numbers were good enough to earn Rector first team All-MIAA honors and MIAA Freshman of the Year honors. Also named to the all-conference first team were two linemen, junior Seth Wand and senior Curt Lessman, and senior kicker Eddie Ibarra. Senior offensive lineman Joe Glab was named to the second team along with junior defensive back Marcel Smith and senior running back Ryan Hackett.

"I think we talked all year that the strength of our team was the offensive line and that showed in the all-conference with two first-teamers and one second-teamer and Alex Tuttle was honorable mention," Tjeerdsma said. "I am pleased for all of them. Jamaica Rector was a first-teamer as a wide receiver, which he really deserved. I felt he was the best receiver in the conference, but there are some great receivers in this conference. It was good for him to also be named the freshman of the year because there are some good freshmen this year, Neal Philpot from Pittsburg State especially, I felt that he might get that honor."

"... I am real happy for Eddie Ibarra. This is his first real year of kicking as far as competitive kicking and he did a great job."

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## 'CAT TRACKS

## All-MIAA

Northwest placed 12 players on the MIAA all-conference teams. First team players included senior center Curt Lessman, senior kicker Eddie Ibarra, junior lineman Seth Wand and redshirt freshman receiver Jamaica Rector. Making the second team were senior running back Ryan Hackett, senior lineman Joe Glab and junior defensive back Marcel Smith. Named honorable mention were senior defensive lineman Brian Schertz, junior quarterback John McMenamin, junior lineman Alex Tuttle, junior defensive lineman Justin Bowser and sophomore tight end Jared Findley.

Rector was also named the MIAA Freshman of the Year by the conference coaches.

## BEARCAT SENIOR

## ■ Brian Schertz- Bettendorf, Iowa

**This season:** A senior co-captain, Schertz was a leader on the defense all season.

**2000-** Recorded 17 tackles, including three for a loss in eight games. Recovered one fumble.

**1999-** Started all 15 games. Ranked sixth on team in tackles, with 50 regular-season stops. Blocked potential game-tying, fourth quarter field goal against Northern Colorado in playoffs.



90 DEFENSIVE LINE

## Northwest women's basketball



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Seniors Dena McMullen and Jerrica Miller surround Cornell College player Bindy Comito in their 83-55 exhibition win. The 'Cats were stellar on defense all night, forcing 42 turnovers from Cornell. Comito led Cornell in scoring with 15 points. The 'Cats were led by freshman Stacy McAlexander who came off the bench to score 15 points. Northwest will be in action this weekend in the Ryland Milner Tournament.

## Women begin season with win

By BILL KNUST  
SPORTS EDITOR

With nine players scoring at least six points, the women's basketball team was successful in winning its exhibition contest against Cornell College Friday, 83-55.

Freshman Stacy McAlexander came off the bench to lead the 'Cats with 15 points. Senior point guard Dena McMullen followed her with 13 points.

Northwest trailed early in the game before sophomore Brooke Hogue hit a three-pointer to start a 9-0 run and put the Bearcats ahead for a good five minutes into the game.

Senior forward Kristen Anderson, who finished with six points, three rebounds and three steals, said it was good to go out and get after someone new.

"It was exciting to play somebody besides ourselves, finally," Anderson said. "We have been practicing since the middle of November and we were just ready to get the game going and see some other people besides ourselves."

The 'Cats led by 26 points at half-time, 53-27, because of a 15-0 run late in the first half. The run was keyed by McMullen's three-pointer and McAlexander converting a three-point play.

Head coach Gene Steinmeyer was not surprised to see his leading scorer come off the bench.

"She probably got as many minutes as everybody because she played with the starters and she

played with the second group too," Steinmeyer said. "We knew she was a scorer, so it was a surprise, but not a huge surprise."

With freshman Ashley Poptanycz coming off the bench to pull down a game-high six rebounds, Steinmeyer said he will have eight or nine girls to put in the game this year.

"We have to play eight or nine girls this year, because of the style of ball we have committed to," Steinmeyer said. "We are going to have at least eight players in the rotation. The number of players are definitely dictated by the style of ball we play."

Northwest outscored Cornell 30-28 in the second half to cruise to the 28-point win.

With the win Northwest can focus its sights on the Ryland Milner Tournament Friday, Anderson said.

"We're all ready to get playing," Anderson said. "This is always a good tournament and there is always a nice turn out so I think we are excited to play."

Northwest will see some competition in the tournament with two 20-win teams from last year coming to town, Steinmeyer said.

"We have Grand View College on Friday night and Alaska-Fairbanks College on Saturday night at 6 p.m.," Steinmeyer said. "Both teams were 20-game winners last year so it ought to be a pretty good test for us."

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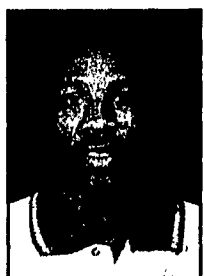
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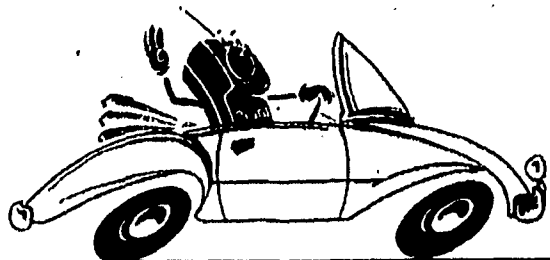
Morris White

A sophomore wide receiver, Morris White broke up a fake punt attempt during the second quarter of Saturday's 44-3 victory over Emporia State. Then in the fourth quarter, he recovered the ball after a blocked punt and ran it for a touchdown.



Ryan Hackett

Senior running back Ryan Hackett rushed for 109 yards on 17 carries during Saturday's 44-3 win over Emporia State. Hackett scored twice, including a 43-yard run in the first quarter to put the 'Cats up 14-0.



# Maryville girls' basketball

## Lohafer force in middle for MHS

By ASHLEE ERWIN  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

At almost six-foot, one-inch, senior Erin Lohafer figured out something early on in her basketball career.

"I knew I couldn't be a point guard," Lohafer said with a laugh.

Not that height does not have its advantages. Lohafer, a center on the Maryville girls' basketball team, has become an inside force to be reckoned with in the Midland Empire Conference, averaging 16 points and seven rebounds a game as a junior.

Now in her senior season, head coach Randall Cook is counting on her continued dominance.

"I expect her to match that and/or exceed those numbers," Cook said. "She's worked really hard in the off-season and played a lot of basketball this summer. I think she has aspirations to do something about getting some championships."

The challenge for championships has been one Lohafer has been preparing for all her life.

Her basketball career began in the fourth grade when her dad, Brian Lohafer, organized a team with fellow seniors Sundi Sutton, Katy Otte and Heather Reynolds.

The young group played local Nodaway County schools and competed in tournaments, often finding success against sixth and seventh grade teams.

"We were pretty cocky," Lohafer said. "It was amazing that us fourth-graders could beat people older than us. But it has stayed with us throughout our whole careers."

The same girls — plus Erin McLaughlin — comprise this season's senior class, a group with

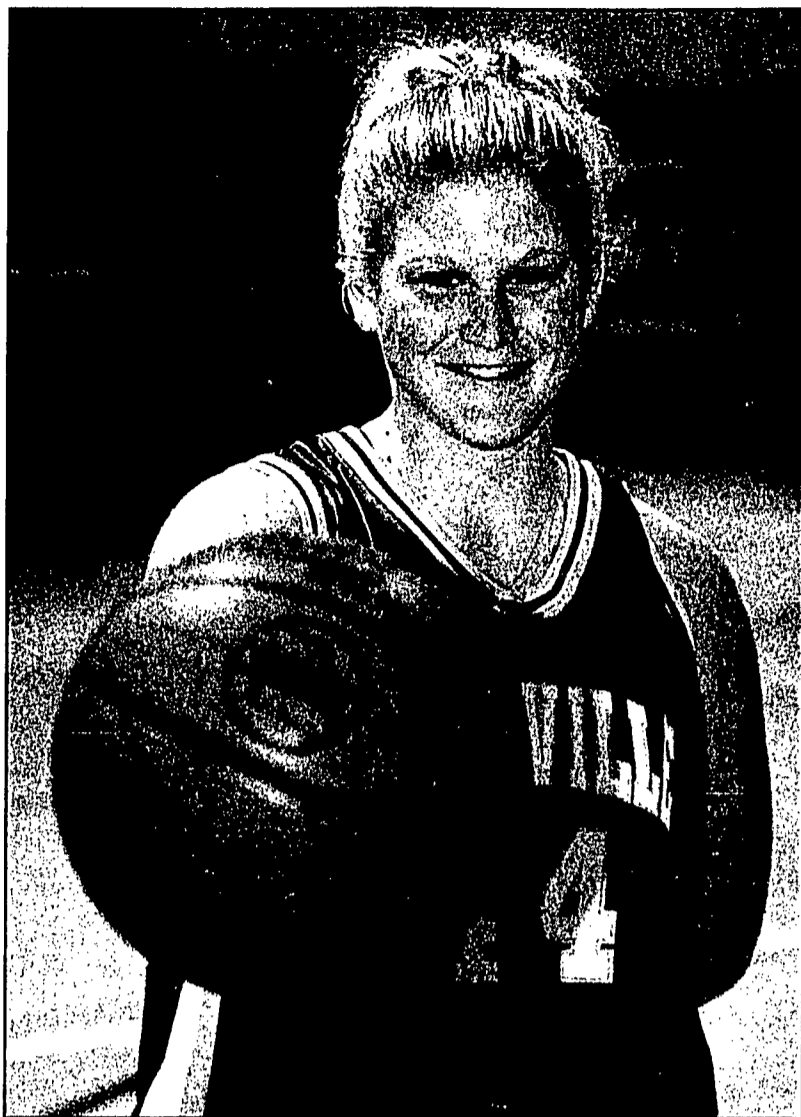


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Senior center Erin Lohafer, who has high hopes of a state championship for this year, looks to be a dominant force in the middle for the 'Hounds.

extensive experience and a strong bond.

"We basically know how each other plays and what works and what doesn't," Lohafer said.

Throughout middle and high school, Lohafer gained more experience by going to camps, playing AAU basketball in Kansas City, Mo. and practicing with her dad, who has been the biggest influence on her basketball career.

"He'd always push me to the limit," Lohafer said. "Even when I didn't want to, he'd always make me do another move over and over again until I got it."

She has never resented the persistence by either of her parents, because she has always wanted to keep improving.

"They know how good I can be," Lohafer said. "They just want

me to stay positive and keep pushing myself. They don't put any burdens on me."

All the hard work comes down to this season for Lohafer, who has a vision for her dream senior season.

"A state championship," Lohafer said. "I'd be on cloud nine. It would be awesome to beat Savannah for the district championship game and then go all the way to state. It's entirely possible. I can see it."

Coming off a 17-9 record, graduating only three seniors and coming within three points of beating Savannah last season, Lohafer's teammates and coach can see the dream too.

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## Maryville boys' basketball

# Young 'Hounds try to repeat last season's success in MEC

By MATT KENNEDY  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Last year the Maryville boys' basketball team won a district championship, finished second in the Midland Empire Conference and ended the season with an 18-9 record.

The team also bid farewell to eight seniors, four of which were starters.

Head coach Mike Kuwitzky, in his 16th year with Maryville, is focusing on the basics to prepare the 'Hounds for the upcoming season.

"We're a young team without a lot of experience," Kuwitzky said. "Our two biggest goals are to become fundamentally sound and to improve throughout the season."

Senior Joey Wilmes, the only returning starter, is ready to help take on the responsibility of leadership for the 'Hounds.

"With the lack of experience on the team, everyone is going to have to step-up, especially the seniors," Wilmes said.

Another key player for the 'Hounds this year should be senior Ross Hullinger, Kuwitzky

said. He did not start but saw a lot of time on the court last year.

As the Maryville football season ended less than two weeks ago, the 'Hounds have not had many basketball practices with the full team in attendance.

"We've had everyone together only a few days, but we still have a couple of weeks to get ready before our first game," Kuwitzky said.

Although team members who participate in both football and basketball may miss the first few practices, they have advantages in other areas.

"Aggressiveness learned in football tends to follow a player to the basketball court," Kuwitzky said. "Sometimes it even takes some adjustments, because what helps in football isn't always allowed in basketball."

These players also have the advantage of already being in good physical condition, Kuwitzky said.

Even with only one returning starter and four seniors, the 'Hounds are looking forward to the upcoming season.

"We have a great group of boys

2001-02 boys' basketball		
Nov. 27	Mt. Airy Iowa	8 p.m.
Nov. 30	Savannah	8 p.m.
Dec. 4	South Harrison	6:30 p.m.
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Dec. 10-15	Nod. Co. Tour.	TBA
Dec. 18	Clarinda	8 p.m.
Dec. 27-29	W.J. Tour.	TBA
Jan. 3	Lafayette	8 p.m.
Jan. 7-12	Savannah Tour.	TBA
Jan. 18	Chillicothe	8 p.m.
Jan. 24	Auburn, Neb.	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	Benton	8 p.m.
Jan. 29	Platte Co.	8 p.m.
Feb. 1	Smithville	8 p.m.
Feb. 4	Chillicothe	8 p.m.
Feb. 8	Benton	8 p.m.
Feb. 12	Cameron	8 p.m.
Feb. 15	Savannah	8 p.m.
Home games in bold		

with good attitudes," Kuwitzky said. "Everyone is anxious to start playing."

The 'Hounds will have two weeks to prepare for their first match of the season at Mt. Airy, Iowa Nov. 27.

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## Senior no stranger to leadership

### Wilmes makes transition to lead 'Hounds as only returning starter

By MATT KENNEDY  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville boys' basketball team is returning only one starter from last season, placing a lot of pressure on senior Joey Wilmes.

Fortunately for the 'Hounds, Wilmes is no stranger to pressure or leadership.

Wilmes was the only junior starter on last year's basketball team that won districts and narrowly lost a tough sectional match.

Also Maryville's starting line-backer, Wilmes led this year's football team in solo, assisted and total tackles.

He has also been named an all-conference player in both football and baseball.

Now, Wilmes is again making the transition from football to basketball, moving from the only junior starter on the team last year, to the only returning starter this year.

Even with no other starters returning, Wilmes is not shy about voicing big goals for the team this season.

"We'd like to win the conference and win districts again," Wilmes said. "Also, everyone wants to make the state playoffs."

Wilmes was also quick to respond to what the young team would have to do to reach these goals with only one returning starter.

"Everyone is just going to have

to step up and do whatever they need to do," Wilmes said.

Along with team goals, Wilmes has also made some personal goals for the upcoming season.

"I want to be a good leader and help all the younger guys improve," Wilmes said.

Wilmes is joined by three other seniors on the team who will share the responsibility of providing leadership for the 'Hounds.

Although Wilmes, along with other football players, had to miss some basketball practices toward the end of football season, he is happy with the way things are progressing.

"Practice has been going really well," Wilmes said. "Everyone is looking good and we are playing together as a team."

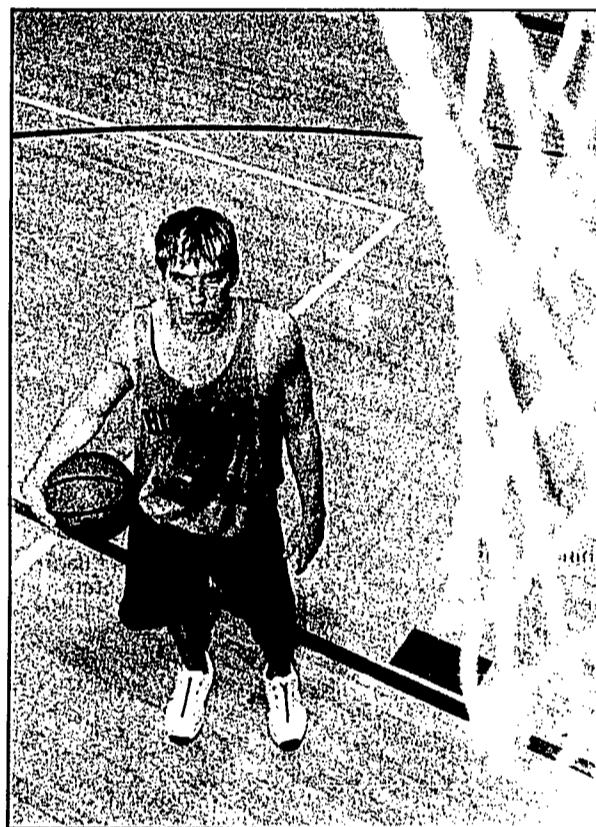


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Senior Joey Wilmes is the 'Hounds' only returning starter after Maryville lost eight players to graduation last season.

With optimistic goals, the desire to help fellow teammates improve and the willingness to lead, this three-sport athlete is again ready to focus on another season of basketball, hopefully with last year's success.

## Hoopsters looking for big things this year

By ASHLEE ERWIN  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Pull out the bleacher seats and spoofohnd sweatshirts — it is time for the Maryville High School girls' basketball season.

Expectations are high for the 'Hounds after finishing last year with a respectable 17-9 record, making it to the district semi-final game and losing only three seniors to graduation.

The team features five returning seniors with a considerable amount of experience. Senior Erin Lohafer, a returning starter, said the senior class laid a strong foundation for

the team.

"Mostly, all the seniors have been together for a very long time," Lohafer said. "We've played together, we know each other, how each person shoots, dribbles, everything that they do."

Lohafer averaged 16 points and seven rebounds a game last season. Head coach Randall Cook, in his third year at the helm of the girls' basketball program, said Lohafer worked hard in the off-season.

Cook is also counting on senior Sundi Sutton to fill the ball-handling and leadership void left by guard Dana Lade.

"I think she's [Sutton] someone all the other girls look to, not just in basketball but just around the school," Cook said.

With the leadership of the seniors and athletic talent of the underclassmen, Cook said the team has hopes of a district title.

"Right now I'd like to think anything's possible," Cook said. "This group of seniors, they're not just good basketball players, they're good individuals. They seem to rise to whatever challenge is out there. I'd like to believe that they're going to do that as we continue through the season."

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What a great feeling. How I would love to share this feeling with all, but I'm a rather selfish one. In fact I'm gloating as I write this. Concealed by my namelessness, unknown to the masses at Owens Library that they are in the presence of The Stroller. If only



THE STROLLER

they knew, I'm sure they would be throwing money at my very feet.

OK, it's time now to insert a gigantic just joking!

If that were the life we really got to live for a trimester, could you imagine the line to be Stroller? People would be going to school for seven years not because they're too drunk to go to class but because they desperately wanted to be me.

Instead I'm the same old Joe Shmoe I was last trimester. The only difference is that on top of my tedious class homework, I have a 500-word essay to write

every week for your enjoyment.

And to be honest that's a lot of pressure.

What if I'm not funny enough? What if I don't talk about what's important to students? What if I don't have a point? What if I can't think of a darn thing to write about?

It's true that I get to say a lot of things I normally wouldn't because nobody knows my name or my S number. The only thing stopping me from saying whatever I want is a little thing called libel. Write in all the letters of complaint you want and I won't be deterred. Sure it might lower my self-esteem for a second or two, but it's nothing a look in the mirror won't fix.

I'm as sexy as I want to be with this column. Who cares that I haven't shaved in two weeks and my definition of exercise means walking to the fridge and back to the couch? Just the fact that my column is read first by tons of people makes me smashing baby, yeah.

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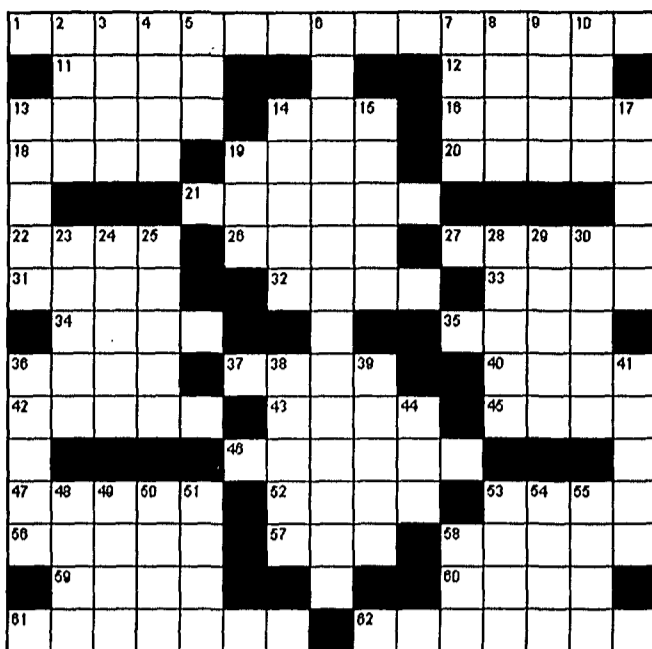
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16. Welding gas
18. Management
19. Company
20. Untidy
21. Mint cocktails
22. Detriment
26. Remain
27. Small tuned drum
31. Scandinavian

32. Commander
33. Diver
34. Thereto (2,2)
35. Terrace (abbrev)
36. Smart
37. Said to attract attention
40. Passed easily
42. Small amounts of land girdled by water
43. Strike forcibly
45. Eat between meals
46. Extra tax
47. Demanding scratching
52. Negatives
53. Circulate
56. Immature

57. Supernatural being
58. Supplications
59. Coarsely ground foodstuff
60. Squeezes
61. Gamete (3,4)
62. Spiritual leaders

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2. Excitedly
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4. Saucy
5. Hebrew fifth letters
6. Button-shaped top of the mescal cactus (6,8)

Answers can be found on this page

## British DJ Pete Tong's new album showcases talent, innovation

By PHIL KOEHLER  
ONLINE ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Being the most popular dee-jay in Britain and one of the major influences on the dance music movement leaves Pete Tong with his hands full.

But he has one more goal, and that is to bring his unique music mixing skills to the United States. He delivers solidly on Pete Tong "Essential Mix."

Tong hosts the most popular radio program in the UK with Radio 1's "Essential" dance music show. He plays a major role in helping to decide what is popular on the airways and in the clubs. With his help, groups often end up with smash hit singles because of the way he plays and mixes songs.

On "Essential Mix," Tong shows listeners why he is one of the top DJs in the world. Along with Oakenfold, Paul van Dyk and BT, Tong is able to control the turntables and work his magic.

"American Dream" is a variation of the theme music to the film "American Beauty." Most would not think to turn that into a club song, but Tong does a terrific job of getting bodies moving.

The third cut has a Fatboy Slim feel to it and is more fast-paced than the previous songs. This does not take away from it. Tong is simply building the atmosphere and bringing the music level

to extreme highs.

However, the seventh track on the CD is hands-down the best. It is "Drums 4 Better Daze" by Lovesky and is simply amazing. It starts slowly, but builds into a late night club anthem with the use of chanting vocals. I can only describe it as a cross between the vocals used for the "Survivor" television show theme music and the chorus of the sports arena favorite, "Hey, Hey, Good-bye." Your body will just want to get up and move. Tong uses a great deal of soul sounding songs in his DJ set and that is an aspect that makes his style unique. There are similarities to Oakenfold, but not many. Tong has a great feel for mixing house and trance sounds into his set.

It is a bit difficult to accurately describe a dance music album in a review, but avid techno listeners will have an idea of what to expect. Those who only occasionally listen to dance music, or would like a good introductory CD to start with, "Essential Mix" by Pete Tong is a perfect choice. He is extremely talented and does not disappoint with the skills he has worked at perfecting.

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## on the edge

### Thanksgiving facts:

■ About 75,600,000 pumpkin pies are baked each winter holiday season in the United States.

■ During the 1966 telecast of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Ronald McDonald, the fast food chain's new mascot, made his first national television appearance. A hot air balloon of Ronald appeared in the 1987 parade.

■ The first Thanksgiving celebration was held in 1621.

■ The shoes of the large helium balloon of Ronald McDonald in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade each measure 22 feet long and eight feet wide.

■ The top two Thanksgiving Day pie picks are pumpkin, at 28 percent, and apple, at 25 percent.

■ Felix the Cat was the first balloon to appear in Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in 1927.

■ Measuring 78 feet, Spiderman is the longest hot air balloon floating in the Macy's parade.

■ The Macy's parade was temporarily halted in the early 1940s during World War II and resumed in 1945.

■ James Madison declared Thanksgiving twice in 1815.

■ More turkeys are raised in California than in any other state in the United States.

■ Only tom turkeys gobble. Hen turkeys make a clicking noise.

■ Domesticated turkeys (farm-raised) cannot fly. Wild turkeys can fly for short distances at up to 55 miles per hour.

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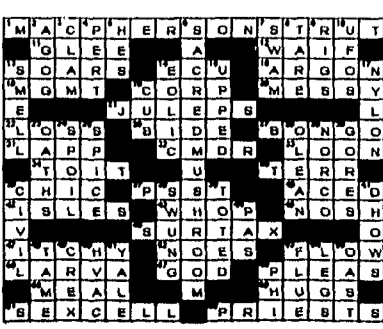
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# Happy Holidays

## Celebrate Christmas in Kansas City

Mayor's Christmas Tree lighting highlights annual festivities at Crown Center



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Listen for the trumpets and the chippity-clop of hooves as Santa arrives in a horse-drawn carriage at 10 a.m. Nov. 23 in front of the Crown Center Shops. Perry Penguin, Tip from Crayola and other costume characters will help greet Mr. Claus and escort him to Crayola Christmas Land, where he will reside through Dec. 24.

### CROWN CENTER MEDIA SERVICES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Listen to the Christmas carolers. Feel the warmth of your family gathered around you. See the giant tree glow with lights. These are just quick snapshots of what you'll remember when you bring the family to Crown Center to experience the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

The ceremony begins at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 23, the day after Thanksgiving, on Crown Center Square. Along with illuminating the 7,200 white lights on one of the nation's tallest Christmas trees, the ceremony will include the simultaneous lighting of an additional 47,500 white lights on the surrounding trees of the Crown Center complex — for a grand total of 54,700 lights. Christmas caroling, roaming costume characters and outdoor ice skating at the Crown Center Ice Terrace add to a festive evening of holiday entertainment.

The lighting of the Mayor's Christmas tree celebrates a 93-year tradition of holiday giving through the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund. Mayor Thomas Crittenton initiated the fund drive in 1908 to help make the season merrier for the city's needy, elderly and forgotten. Each year, the fund assists more than 33,000 people in the Kansas City metropolitan area during the holidays who are not served by other charitable resources.

The 2001 Mayor's Christmas Tree is a 100-foot-tall Douglas fir with 1,200 colorful ornaments and topped with a star. This marks the 17th year that Willamette Industries, an Oregon forest products company, has donated the tree and transported it 2,000 miles through six states as a gift to Kansas City.

After the holidays, the tree branches will be ground into mulch for use around the Crown Center complex. The trunk will be milled into lumber that will be used to make Mayor's Christmas Tree ornaments for the 2002. Commemorative ornaments have been made since 1981, and this is the 15th year ornaments have been made from wood of the previous year's tree. The Mayor's Christmas Tree is the only holiday tree in the country that is recycled in this manner.

The 2001 Mayor's Christmas Tree ornament is called "reindeer." Based on a design by Hallmark artist Ken Patrick, the ornament was developed by Denise Maire and Ann Ottewill. Ornaments go on sale for \$12.50 at Crown Center Customer service on Level 2 of the Crown Center Shops starting at 10 a.m., Nov. 23. All proceeds benefit the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

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The 100-foot Mayor's Christmas Tree, one of the nation's tallest, is the centerpiece of Crown Center's holiday celebration. Kansas City Mayor Kay Barnes and a celebrity guest will flip the switch to turn on the tree's 7,200 white lights on Nov. 23.



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Conveniently located under the pavilion on Crown Center Square, Kansas City's only public outdoor ice skating rink opened Nov. 2. The pavilion is located across the street from the Crown Center shops and restaurants.

### Crown Center offers many activities for family during holiday season

#### CROWN CENTER MEDIA SERVICES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — If you've been feeling a little "bah-humbug" about Christmas lately, do we have a suggestion for you.

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Start the day off by exploring Hallmark Visitor's Center's latest exhibit of the Sundbloom Santas and the J.C. Hall Christmas tree Display. Step next door and create your own masterpieces at Kaleidoscope, Hallmark's free creative art workshop for children.

Then, grab skates and a hand as you both take a twirl on the ice at the Crown Center Ice Terrace. Stop by the

over-sized toys under the mayor's Christmas Tree before heading to The Coterie Theatre to take in "Little House by the Shores of Silver Lake," a play based on the writings of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Stroll through the Crown Center Shops, making sure to visit a unique Hallmark card shop, Hallmark Crown Center, where you can view videos from the Hallmark Hall of Fame.

Enjoy more than 70 specialty shops and restaurants. Furnish your home with holiday décor from Everyday's a Holiday and stock up on Christmas popcorn at Topsy's.

Finish your day by crossing "The Link," a weather-protected walkway, to Science City at Union Station. This museum offers more than 50 interactive environments for a hands-on science experience. From Oct. 13 to Jan. 1, Union Station is home to SUE, a reproduction of the most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex ever unearthed.

### CROWN CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### ■ The Coterie Theatre presents "Little House by the Shores of Silver Lake," Nov. 12 — Dec. 30

The Coterie Theatre, Crown Center Shops, Level 1. A "Little House" play based on the writings of Laura Ingalls Wilder is an annual Coterie tradition, but this Phillip blue owl Hoose script is new. In this version, Mary is blinded by a fever and sister Laura must be her eyes. Most appreciated by people ages 5 and older, call the box office for ticket information and show times, 816-474-6552.

#### ■ Hallmark Visitors Center displays Sundbloom Santas, Nov. 15 — Dec. 31

In 1931, Coca-Cola commissioned Chicago illustrator Haddon Sundbloom to develop an image of Santa Claus. Those images appeared on cards, billboards, posters and in magazine ads. They helped solidify the image of Santa today, one of the most cherished of all Christmas images. Sundbloom's illustrations have appeared on Hallmark products over the years and have influenced artists' work everywhere. The Hallmark Fine Arts collection includes the four Sundbloom paintings commissioned by Hallmark in 1961. Also on display throughout the year are the J.C. Hall Christmas Trees. The 17 Christmas trees that make up this permanent exhibit were annual gifts to company founder J.C. Hall from 1966 through 1982. Open Monday through Saturday and most holidays. 816-274-5672.

#### ■ Santa's Arrival at Crown Center, Nov. 23 — 10 a.m.

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#### ■ Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Nov. 23 — 5:30 p.m.

Crown Center Square. Bring the family to Crown Center on the evening after Thanksgiving to experience this festive holiday tradition. The 100-foot-tall Mayor's Christmas Tree, one of the nation's tallest, is the centerpiece for an illuminating holiday celebration. Music and program begin at 5:30 p.m., admission is free. Call 816-274-8444 for more information.

#### ■ Crayola Christmas Land, Nov. 23 — Dec. 31

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#### ■ Holiday Music, Nov. 29 — Dec. 21

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# Unwrap mystery of diamond buying

(NAPSI)—Now that the brisk chill of autumn is settling in, winter can't be far away—and that means the holiday season is just around the corner.

If you're thinking of buying that special someone a diamond—the ultimate symbol of love and romance—shop wisely.

This rare gemstone is not only a beautiful gift, but also a treasured heirloom, and should be treated as such.

The first rule when choosing a diamond is to make sure it is accompanied by a grading report issued by the nonprofit Gemological Institute of America (GIA), regarded worldwide as the hallmark of integrity, reliability and consistency.

As creators of the Four C's—carat weight, cut, clarity and color—the international standard of grading diamonds, GIA has served the gem and jewelry industry and protected the public trust for more than 70 years.

The GIA Gem Trade Laboratory employs more than 400 laboratory staff, the core of whom is a team of the most highly trained diamond graders, gemologists and research scientists in the world.

Using state-of-the-art technology and meticulous procedures, GIA's Laboratory staff evaluate the unique quality factors that affect each diamond's value.

These properties are then detailed on GIA's grading reports, which are considered by the jewelry industry to be the most precise and trustworthy available.

Thomas C. Yonelunas, chief executive officer of the GIA Gem Trade Laboratory, reminds consumers



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that it is imperative to have an understanding of the Four C's before buying a diamond.

"To the untrained eye, many diamonds look alike," said Yonelunas. "But in fact, every polished diamond has its own unique set of characteristics that distinguishes it from other diamonds in the marketplace."

"The GIA Diamond Grading Re-

port contains a complete quality analysis of each diamond, including the Four C's; understanding these features is a consumer's best bet when it comes to making an educated diamond purchase."

To learn more about buying a diamond, check out GIA's free, interactive, "How to Buy a Diamond" tutorial, which is featured online at [www.gia.edu](http://www.gia.edu).

Each of the Four C's is rated differently and is determined as follows:

**CARAT WEIGHT:** A diamond is weighed in metric carats; one carat is just over seven-thousandths of an ounce. Diamonds are normally weighed to the thousandth of a carat and then rounded to the nearest hundredth.

**CUT:** Most people think cut refers to a diamond's shape, but regardless of shape, a well-cut diamond is bright, fiery and shimmers with light. Well-balanced proportions and a high polish will create magnificent brilliance, fire and scintillation.

**CLARITY:** Diamonds have distinctive internal features called inclusions and subtle surface irregularities called blemishes. The degree to which these marks affect the appearance of a diamond will determine its clarity grade. The GIA Clarity Scale ranges from flawless, under 10-power magnification, to included. Flawless and internally flawless diamonds are very rare and, therefore, more valuable.

**COLOR:** Most diamonds range from colorless to light yellow and are graded for their relative lack of color. The less color, the higher the value. The GIA Color Scale ranges from D, which is absolutely colorless, all the way to Z, which includes diamonds that are light yellow and brown in color.

# Harry Potter captures holiday season magic

(NAPSI)—Readers around the world have been captivated by the magical mystery of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter book series.

As theatergoers the world over relive the adventures of the first book through Warner Bros. Pictures live-action film adaptation this holiday season, among the most desired gifts will be those featuring the boy wizard.

Topping holiday lists will be products such as:

■ Mattel's Harry's Levitating Challenge; a highly thought-of game that involves moving a ball through the air.

■ Mattel's Roarin' Snorin' Norbert; this cuddly baby dragon can really be hot stuff when he wants to.

■ Lego sets youngsters can use to build their way into Harry's school, Hogwarts Castle or make their escape with the Hogwarts Express train building set.

■ EA's Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone interactive games

for PlayStation, PC, Game Boy Color and Game Boy Advance can help youngsters have Harry's magic at their fingertips.

■ Oddz On's Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans, jelly bean candy, kids are sweet on.

■ Wizard's of the Coast's Harry Potter Trading Card Game, for when fun is in the cards.

These and many other items based on Harry's world, are sure to be on everyone's wish list this year.

Magical fun and amazingly captivating gifts are available at local toy and bookstores nationwide.

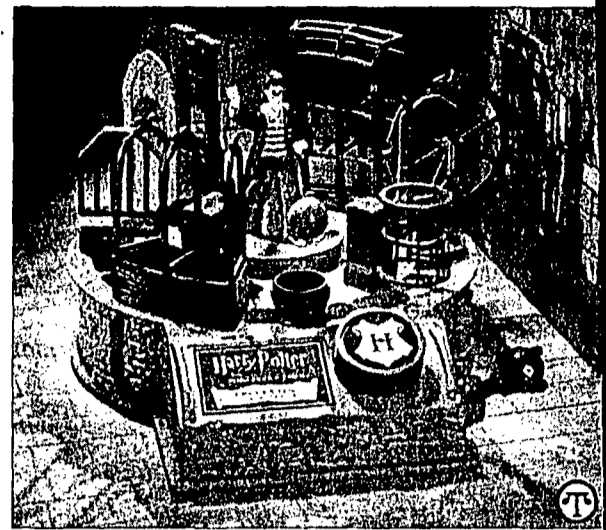


PHOTO COURTESY OF NORTH AMERICAN PRECIS SYNDICATE, INC. J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter character gained popularity through the book series and is enjoying fame as a movie star.

# Ease holiday stress, decorate on a budget

(NAPSI)—Deck the halls this holiday season—and don't let a tight holiday decorating budget turn you into a Scrooge.

It can be easy and affordable to decorate a lot, without spending a lot. Heeding these hints from the experts may help you save money and have some holiday fun:

■ Decorate your own wreath: Craft wreaths come in many varieties, from realistic looking PVC to willow. Buy a holiday floral bush and cut the heads off (they're all individually wired) and fasten them to the wreath. Add some baby's breath and snow and you have a beautiful wreath.

■ Drape a garland: To easily bring a festive look to a room, drape a garland over doors and windows. Make a centerpiece from candles. Combine several pillar candles of various heights on a ceramic or other non-flammable dish; surround with inexpensive pine garland stems to hide the dish. Add some glitter or snow.

■ A mini tree—one to three feet tall—can add a holiday touch to your desktop or table. Decorate your own or buy an inexpensive, predecorated tree. After the holidays, just place in a plastic bag for storage—no need to undecorate. If you're tired of stringing Christmas lights on your full-size tree, buy a prelit artificial tree.

■ Shop smart. You can find many holiday decorations at prices lower than wholesale at popular closeout retailers such as Big Lots, Pic 'N' Save and Mac Frugal's. Among the largest seasonal retailers in the country, these stores have a huge selection of fall and holiday decorating items, decorative pieces you won't find elsewhere. Because of their buying power and sources, these closeout stores can get custom-made merchandise in large



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Decorating does not have to mean spending a lot of money. Easy, attractive and inexpensive ideas can be found on Web sites, in magazines and books.

quantities at rock bottom pricing from nut dishes and figurines to ceramic houses and crafts.

■ Think theme. Studies show the average person wraps 35 gifts for Christmas. With unique matching lines of tins, bags and gift bags, including the whimsical "Barnyard Christmas" selection, it's easy and affordable to coordinate your holiday wrapping and decorating. Imagine buying gift bags for just 69 cents, 6-foot artificial trees for only

\$14.99, and holiday cards at "day after Christmas" prices. Decorate from room to room using different themes. Highlight your favorite sport or your passion for teddy bears. When prices are this low, there's no limit to where your holiday imagination can take you.

To learn more about closeout shopping, or to find the location of a Big Lots, Pic 'N' Save or Mac Frugal's Big Lots store near you, visit the Web site at [www.biglots.com](http://www.biglots.com).

# A way to give this holiday season

(NAPSI)—This season, perhaps because of the economy and world affairs, many holiday shoppers have two new outlooks on gift-giving—spend carefully and spend with a purpose.

Millions of Americans are turning to what they consider socially responsible goods—handmade products created by underprivileged artisans across the United States and around the world. Buying these products helps create a living that will not only support those who are less fortunate, but also their families and communities.

An example of a foundation that produces socially responsible goods is The Enterprise Kitchen, a Chicago-based association dedicated to helping disadvantaged inner-city women who seek self-sufficiency and independence. Working within the context of a small business that produces high-quality

handmade soaps and bath grains, TEK women receive hands-on, intensive assistance that includes paid employment, life skills training, and a variety of other support services. Financial resources generated by their product sales help sustain and develop the program.

Recently, the top Web site for bargain shopping launched Worldstock, its new Socially Responsible Goods department that sells everything from martini glasses made by Mexican glassblowers to one-of-a-kind sterling silver jewelry from Peru to silks hand-woven by Cambodian landmine survivors. Most retailers typically mark up these kinds of imported products by 200 or 300 percent and return only a slim fraction of the retail price to the artisan. Worldstock is different—it empowers artisans by letting them name

the price for their products, while keeping prices low for consumers—adding no more than a five percent net profit to run the business and charging a flat \$3.95 shipping fee for an item of any size or weight.

Worldstock is the brainchild of Patrick Byrne, CEO of Overstock.com. Byrne holds a doctorate in philosophy from Standard University with an emphasis in philosophical issues related to poverty and economic development.

Overstock.com works with recognized trade associations to find traditional artisans working on a small scale who provide humane working conditions and maximum wages for workers.

To support socially responsible gift giving, go to [www.worldstock.com](http://www.worldstock.com) where you can shop online and read how your purchases are directly impacting the artisans who have created them.

# International students to celebrate holiday

By KARA SWINK  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

International students will share cultural perspectives and experiences with other students during the first Thanksgiving break social.

The social was introduced by diversity assistant Patricia Mugabe who wanted to provide entertainment for students who do not have anywhere to go during the holiday break. Mugabe will be staying on campus and thought students who do not have anything to do would benefit from the social.

"I am hoping that there will be a good turnout because it promises to be fun," Mugabe said. "It will be something for people to do during the break when campus will be boring."

The social will take place at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday at Franken Hall main lounge and last for a few hours.

The entertainment will range from playing pool and board games to watching movies and enjoying a variety of ethnic snacks made by people from different countries who attend.

Most of the students who will be in attendance will be from Japan, India, the Caribbean and Africa, Mugabe said.

"Everyone is going to make their own snack, something ethnic," Mugabe said. "One girl from the Caribbean will be making a juice that is a traditional Caribbean drink."

Mugabe works for both Residen-

tial Life and the Intercultural and International Center.

Her job is to promote diversity, particularly her residents who live on the W.O.R.L.D floor of Franken, but also for the rest of campus when possible.

Aspects of the different cultures represented will be experienced because students will sit around and talk and get a taste of each culture's food, Mugabe said.

Those helping with the social are Mugabe and members of the African Friends Association.

Mugabe estimates a turnout of 25 international students, but hopes more will attend. Everyone staying on campus during the holiday break is welcome to attend.

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# Tis the season to be surfing

(NAPSI)-If you want to trim your holiday budget this year and the time you spend shopping, one gift you may give yourself is the luxury of shopping online.

As you take advantage of the holiday offerings found on the Web, however, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Use a Comparison-Shopping Service. Even if you know what you want to buy, sites that offer a comparison-shopping service can speed up the shopping process and help you save money.

A comparison shopping site can quickly browse through the thousands of stores open for business on the Web and find the one that has what you're shopping for at the best price.

Comparison sites like DealTime ([www.dealtime.com](http://www.dealtime.com)) give you access to stores across the country to help you find the best deal.

- Protect Yourself with a Credit Card: Familiarize yourself with your credit card company's fraud policy. Different stores will have different policies about protecting you from consumer fraud, but your credit card issuer will have one standard, blanket policy that covers all of your purchases.

Federal law requires that your credit card company cannot hold you liable for more than \$50, and your individual company may have

even better or extended policies. Check the agreement for each of your cards and see how much protection you have.

- Check Return Policies & Shipping Prices: Two of the biggest concerns about shopping online are shipping costs and product returns. You can alleviate these concerns with some research:

- Check each store's site for its shipping policies and prices so you won't exceed your budget. Even if the gifts you choose might be in your price range, excessive shipping costs might empty your wallet.

- Read through each store's return policy, making sure it's easy to send back duplicate toys or exchange a shirt for a different size. Each store may have a unique policy for returning items.

Some only exchange for store credit and some may only refund the product's purchase price but not refund the cost of shipping.

Also, if an online store has offline locations, it may let you save the return shipping and exchange a Web present at your neighborhood outlet.

If you keep these points in mind, buying online can help you make the most of your shopping dollar, no matter what your budget may be.

Comparison sites can help you find deals Santa might be proud of.

## Help children's wishes come true

(NAPSI)-Two dollars can make a world of difference to a child with a life-threatening illness.

Now, a pair of limited-edition, collectible holiday gifts is helping to make children's wishes come true, \$2 at a time.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is offering these gifts — an engraved ornament and a musical snow globe — to raise money for children.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

Sales of last year's holiday ornament allowed Krissy — a teenager with Hodgkin's Lymphoma — to live out her dearest wish: to learn professional photography.

The funds raised let Krissy enroll in a photography class and provided her with all the equipment she needed to take pictures and develop them herself.

"We get so much in return by helping grant wishes to children

through the Make-A-Wish Foundation that the decision to renew our ties for the fourth year in a row was a simple one," said Suzanne Sutter, president of Things Remembered.

The Make-A-Wish ornament, which can be engraved with a personal message, features a pewter star embedded with emerald green Swarovski crystals and tied with a matching green satin bow.

The holiday snow globe features a pair of snowmen holding a Make-A-Wish banner while "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" plays in the background.

The globe can also be engraved with a personal message.

The holiday ornament retails for \$9.99 and the musical snow globe is available for \$19.99 at participating Things Remembered locations. Two dollars from each purchase will benefit the children of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

For more information about these commemorative holiday pieces and for store locations, call 1-800-274-7367 or log onto [www.thingsremembered.com](http://www.thingsremembered.com).

## HOLIDAY RECIPES

### Make your turkey the center of attention

Let your delicious turkey be the talk of the holidays golden brown and juicy. Fortunately for you, with a few tips from the experts, you can share the key to creating a masterpiece with your family and friends.

One of the most challenging aspects of preparing a turkey for the holidays is how to brown the skin without drying out the meat. The secret? Baste the turkey. Many successful chefs choose Imported Stock Extra Dry Vermouth from Italy to baste with. It crisps the outside while keeping the inside moist. Made from the finest Italian white wines that are infused with more than 52 herbs, roots, seeds and spices from all over the world, Imported Stock Extra Dry Vermouth is clear, yet lively and subtle in taste. It is 100 percent natural, with no artificial ingredients. Basting frequently with this aperitif imparts delicate seasoning without adding any fat to the turkey. During roasting, the alcohol bakes off, leaving a robust herbal essence.

The vermouth will also elevate any bland stuffing to a more delicious-tasting dish that will be a crowd-pleaser at your holiday table. Any savory recipe will be vastly improved by substituting white wine with Imported Stock Extra Dry Vermouth, the secret to great cooking since 1884 when Lionello Stock founded the company in Trieste, Italy.



#### Roasted Turkey, Stock Vermouth Style

- 12-16 pound turkey, defrosted
- 2 cups Imported Stock Extra Dry Vermouth
- 2 tsp. each: salt, garlic powder, and paprika
- Roasting pan and rack, coated with non-stick spray

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Rinse bird inside and out with cold water. Drain and pat dry with paper towels. Set rack in roasting pan.
2. Place turkey on rack, breast side down. Pour 1/2 cup Vermouth over exposed surface. Sprinkle 1 tsp. of each seasoning. Turn breast side up on rack. Pour 1/2 cup Vermouth over breast. Sprinkle remaining seasonings.
3. Stuff breast with Stock Vermouth Stuffing Sensation. Truss with small skewers. Insert meat thermometer in thickest part of drumstick. Place turkey in oven.
4. Roast 4 to 5 hours. Basting every half hour, add remaining Vermouth until drippings accumulate in pan.
5. Turkey is done when thermometer registers 185 degrees and when juices run clear as knife is inserted in drumstick joint. Let rest on counter for 20 minutes. Remove skewers and carve. Makes 10-15 servings.

To receive a free food and drink recipe booklet or to find the Stock Extra Dry Vermouth retailer nearest you, call 1-800-323-1884 or visit the Web site at [www.stockusalt.com](http://www.stockusalt.com). Make Your Turkey The Center Of Attention.

### Give thanks to the host

A small token or gift can be the perfect way to show your appreciation to any generous host or hostess this holiday season.

Small plants or floral arrangements are always welcome, as are chocolates or a jar of homemade jam. Homemade baked goodies are a warm way to convey your gratitude. The gourmet gifting experts at 1-800-FLOWERS.COM offer the following suggestion for a tasty pumpkin pie:

- 1 unbaked pie shell
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsps. pumpkin pie spice
- 2 eggs
- 1 15 oz. can pumpkin puree
- 1 12 oz. can evaporated milk

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees fahrenheit.
2. Combine sugar, salt and pumpkin pie spice in a small bowl. Beat eggs lightly in large bowl. Stir in pumpkin and add sugar, salt and spice mixture. Gradually stir in milk. Pour into pie shell.
3. Bake pie for 15 minutes.
4. Reduce temperature to 350 degrees fahrenheit and bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.
5. Cool to room temperature and store in refrigerator.

Visit [1800flowers.com](http://1800flowers.com) on the Web for the Harvest Cheesecake Sampler and more great gifting ideas. If you're too busy to bake this holiday, this delectable 4-flavor Harvest Cheesecake Sampler from 1-800-FLOWERS.COM makes a great gift.

### Instant coziness for the holidays

#### Chestnut Chocolate Bark

- 2 cups roasted, peeled, chopped chestnuts
- 12 oz. bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- 3/4 cup golden raisins, dried tart cherries, or cubed dried apricots

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees fahrenheit. Line a 10 by 15-inch rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil and set aside. Lay the chestnuts in a single layer on another rimmed baking sheet and toast, stirring once or twice, until golden and fragrant, about 10 to 15 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

2. Meanwhile, place about two-thirds of the chocolate in the top of a double boiler or in a metal bowl. Place over (not in) a pot of simmering water (not boiling) and let the chocolate melt slowly while stirring. Transfer the double boiler top or bowl to a trivet and add remaining chocolate. Stir until melted.

3. In a large bowl, combine chocolate and chestnuts. Scrape mixture onto the foil-lined pan and spread evenly into a square that is slightly smaller than the pan. Sprinkle raisins or dried fruit over the top. Let cool until firm, at least 4 hours. Break bark into pieces and serve immediately or store in an airtight container for up to 3 weeks.

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## Dancer selected for 'Nutcracker'

By JULIE MILLER  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

When the spotlights of "The Great Russian Nutcracker" come to St. Joseph this month, Maryville Middle School seventh-grader and dancer Caitlin Kinman will be there.

Kinman was selected to play a party guest in the opening scene of the production, which comes to the St. Joseph Civic Center Nov. 17 as part of a national tour of 60 cities.

Kinman was also selected to be an understudy in the production's role of Russian soloist.

The audition process for Kinman, who studies at Allison's School of Dance in St. Joseph, took place in September at Missouri Western State College.

"The girls had numbers pinned to their leotards," said Caitlin's mother, Pat Kinman. "It was all done very professionally."

Kinman, who has been dancing for more than 10 years and includes jazz, ballet, tap and lyrical dance in her repertoire, has also performed in three other productions of the Nutcracker.

In 1998 Kinman took part in a production of the Nutcracker for the International Ballet Theater. She has also performed for the Tulsa Ballet and the St. Louis Ballet, and has performed in half-time routines for the Orange Bowl and Sugar Bowl.

Large audiences do not bother Kinman, who said she used to be shy when she started dancing at age two.

"I'm so used to it now," Kinman said. "I just go up there and do my thing. I love it. It's in my blood."

Kinman has been studying at Allison's School of Dance throughout her career and supplements her instruction with other classes and dance workshops.

She is currently enrolled in a dance class taught by Northwest professor Haley Hoss.

"When you leave, you're sore," said Kinman of her classes, but added that her hard work is worth it.

Kinman hopes her passion for dancing will continue throughout her life. She hopes to enter the American Ballet Academy in the future and would like to be a principal dancer for a production.

She also said she would like to teach dance when she gets older, and possibly open her own dance studio.

Pat Kinman said the family is supportive of Caitlin's love of dance and her desire to continue dancing.

"It's something she enjoys and does well at," she said. "As long as she does well in school, it's fine with us."

Kinman, an honor roll student, plays the flute and piano and helps organize a student recreation center for safe weekend fun.

Tickets for "The Great Russian Nutcracker" are available through Ticketmaster or the box office at St. Joseph Civic Center.

## Maryville organizes Winter Wonderland

By LEAH ST. CLAIR  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Franklin Park has been decorated for the annual Winter Wonderland which takes place Nov. 23 through New Year's Day.

The event is an effort to decorate for the Christmas season and is sponsored by Leadership Maryville, the Maryville Chamber of Commerce and the Maryville Treatment Center.

Franklin Park is decorated in a Christmas theme including storyboards depicting scenes of the 12 days of Christmas and other Christmas stories. The park will also have lights in its trees.

Along with Winter Wonderland, Leadership Maryville is sponsoring A Very Maryville Christmas.

Santa Claus will arrive Nov. 23 to help Little Mr. and Miss Maryville turn on Christmas lights at the courthouse and Franklin Park.

During this time, businesses along the square will be open to give Maryville residents a head start on their Christmas shopping.

Children will be able to visit Santa on the Courthouse lawn from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays and from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 15.

The Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring carriage rides in downtown Maryville. Deacon Carriage from Savannah is providing free rides from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21, and from noon to 3 p.m. Dec. 15.

The carriage will pick up passengers at the corner of Third and Main streets.

In preparation for Winter Wonderland, Christmas lights on the courthouse have been checked and bad bulbs replaced for the holiday season, said Colleen Hastings, executive director of the Chamber.

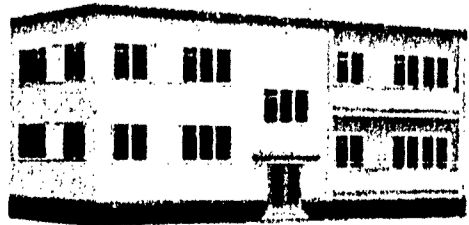
Leadership Maryville class members choose service projects to do each year, said Ty Parsons, member of Leadership Maryville class 16.

"This year we found out that no one was going to be able to do the Winter Wonderland," Parsons said. "As a class we decided to put on Winter Wonderland and A Very Maryville Christmas as our service project."

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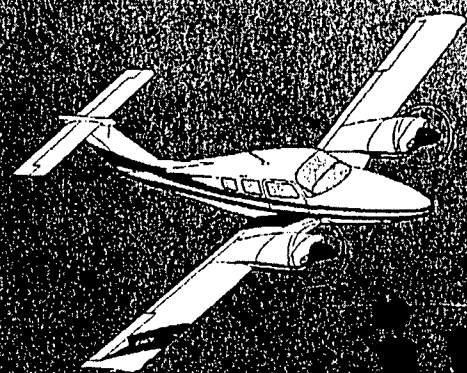
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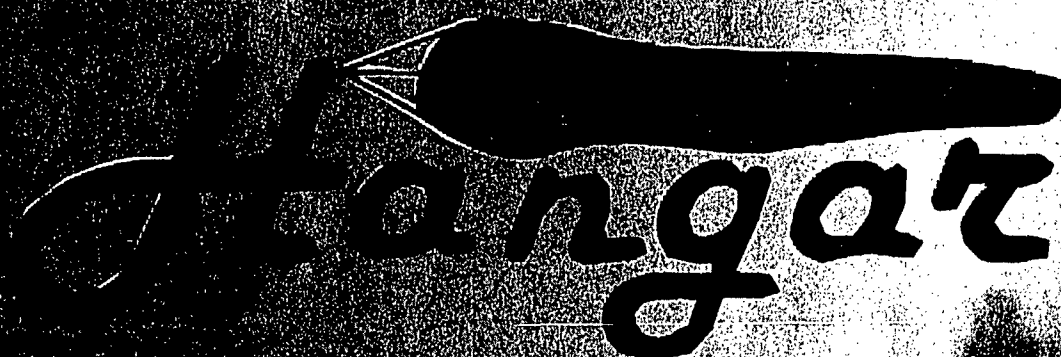
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